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Blue Mountain Fund Totals \$112,496

Blue Mountain, Miss., Sept. 22—One per cent of the Baptists of Mississippi and sixteen per cent of the Baptist churches have contributed \$112,496 to the Blue Mountain College endowment fund campaign, the goal of which is \$200,000. Frank L. Fair, general chairman of the campaign, says, "I have faith to believe that from the 1336 Baptist churches and the 267,200 Baptists not so far contributing will come the remaining \$87,504 needed."

Churches making offerings in June are: ADAMS county, Natchez First; ALCORN county, Antioch, Corinth First Baptist, Gaston, Hinkle Creek, West Corinth; AMITE: Galilee, Liberty; ATTALA: Kosciusko First, McAdams, Sallis; BENTON: Ashland, Canaan, Hickory Flat; BOLIVAR: Bethany, Cleveland, Duncan, Merigold, Providence, Rosedale, Waxhaw; CALHOUN: Calhoun City, Derma, Midway, Mt. Moriah, Pittsboro, Spring Creek; CARROLL: Carrollton, Providence; CHICKASAW: Amity, Egypt, Houston, Woodlawn; CHOCTAW: Ackerman, Spring Hill; CLARKE: Enterprise, Harmony, Pine Grove, Stonewall, Union; CLAY: West Point; COAHOMA: Lula; COPIAH: Crystal Springs, Damascus, Hazlehurst, Shady Grove; COVINGTON: Collins, Mt. Horeb, Mt. Olive, Salem, Union Sr.; DESOTO: Lewisburg; FORREST: First Baptist, Glendale, 38th Avenue, Macedonia, Main Street, River Avenue, all of Hattiesburg; FRANKLIN: Concord, Elmo, Lucien, New Salem; GEORGE: Agricola, Lucedale, Shady Grove; GREENE: East Salem, Pine Level, Leakesville; GRENADA: Grenada First; HANCOCK: Bay St. Louis; HARRISON: Biloxi First, Pass Christian; HINDS: Calvary, Clinton, Eastside, Griffith Memorial, First, all of Jackson, Learned church, North Side church, Jackson, Raymond, Terry, Utica; HOLMES: Cruger, Horse Shoe, Pickens, Tchula, West; HUMPHREYS: Belzoni; ITAWAMBA: Fulton; JACKSON: Moss Point First, Pascagoula First; JASPER: Bay Springs, Louin, Montrose; JEFFERSON: Fayette; JEFFERSON DAVIS: Prentiss; JONES: Calvary, Fairfield, Laurel First Baptist, Indian Springs, Ovett, Pine Grove, Pleasant Grove, Laurel Second Baptist; LAFAYETTE: Clear Creek, First Baptist Oxford, Union Baptist; LAUDERDALE: Meridian 15th Ave., Goodwater, Meridian 41st Ave., Oak Grove church, Southside; LAWRENCE: Crooked Creek, Newhebron, Oakvale; Leake: Lena, Thomas town, Tuscola, Walnut Grove; LEE: Baldwyn First, Bissell, Calvary, Tupelo, Euclatubba, Tupelo First, Ingram Church, Plantersville, Saltillo, Verona; LEFLORE: Greenwood First, Sidon; LINCOLN: Brookhaven, Fair River, Mt. Pleasant; LOWNDES: Columbus First; MADISON: Canton First; MARION: East Columbia, Improve; MARSHALL: Byhalia, Holly Springs; MONROE:

Southwestern Has Largest Enrollment in History

Dr. Stewart A. Newman, registrar of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, announces a total enrollment of 722 for the fall semester. This is the largest number of students ever to register there in the history of the institution. The 1942 fall enrollment was 575.

The need for more adequate housing and kitchen facilities is being felt more keenly by the Seminary at this time than ever before. Every available space for living quarters for the students has been utilized and many more than usual have been forced to seek meals and lodging outside the dormitories.

Every attempt possible has been made by the business administration to take care of all who would come.

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Nearly 500 Enroll at Southern Seminary

By Gaines S. Dobbins

To the nearly 500 men assembled on Tuesday morning, September 14, in Norton Hall of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, President Ellis A. Fuller extended a warm welcome, and then introduced Dr. John R. Sampey, President Emeritus, as representing a living link between the past the present and a living link between the present and the future. For 58 years Dr. Sampey taught in the Seminary, and counting the days that he was a student, he has been vitally connected with the school for 61 years. For 14 years Dr. Sampey served as President. By his own choice he retired from active duty at the close of last session. On the platform with Dr. Sampey was seated Dr. W. O. Carver, who likewise retires this session after 47 years of continuous teaching.

Dr. Sampey retold with thrilling effectiveness the story of Mr. Greatheart in the immortal Pilgrim's Progress. Mr. Greatheart, he said, presents a picture of the Christian minister which still challenges to admiration and imitation. "Preachers," Dr. Sampey declared, "must participate in defensive warfare. The preacher is the protector of his people. He must endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. We who have gathered here need a spirit of courage, not of cowardice, a spirit of aggressive warfare against evil."

Dr. Sampey spoke gravely of the perils which confront the nation and the world in these difficult wartimes. The worst of the war, he predicted, is yet in front of us—our heaviest casualties are yet to be suffered. "We have been playing around the edges and now we are facing big things.

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Keep The Home Fires Burning

This is vital whether we are thinking in terms of our armed forces on the far-flung battle lines or in terms of our carrying the gospel to every creature. The strength and success of our efforts will depend very largely upon our home base. If that breaks down or grows weak, failure is inevitable.

Hence we are so tremendously concerned about saving our homes and our churches from the terrific forces of evil that are now so seriously threatening them. The church and the home are inseparable allies. They are mutually dependent upon each other. Hence as we reinforce our state mission enterprise that strengthens the work of our churches at home through its ministry of evangelism, teaching and training, we save our homes and multiply our efforts in making Christ known around the world.

State Mission Day, October 24

From time immemorial, Southern Baptists have been observing State Mission Day in our Sunday schools with a view to impressing on the

minds of the coming generation the supreme importance of our state mission program. This year that day is Sunday, October 24. A very helpful and stimulating program has been prepared by Dr. C. W. Pope, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, at the request of the Committee on Calendar of Co-ordinated Denominational Activities. This, together with other important material, has been sent to all the Sunday school superintendents in the Southern Baptist Convention to be used in the Sunday school on that date or on some other more convenient day.

On this occasion each member of the Sunday school should be given an opportunity to make an offering to State Missions. Free offering envelopes may be obtained by writing to your state secretary. This special program is carried in the September Teacher, October Builder, and Quarterly Review, fourth quarter. Extra copies can be obtained from the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, for ten cents each.

Chaplain Cooper Has Thrilling Experience

Port Hueneme, California
September 1, 1943

Dear Brother Goodrich:

An issue of The Baptist Record of August 19 reached me today and it was a welcome as an oasis in a desert. It has been months since I received a copy. Since leaving the Chaplain's School (Naval) I have been with the 95th Battalion. We have been at Camp Peary, Va., Camp Parks, Calif., and are at the above named camp, preparing to shove off for the Southwestern Pacific area.

Have had some thrilling experiences in recent days. Have tried hard in living, preaching, and every way, to win the confidence of our officers and men, and on the 22nd, after a simple message on the way of life, nine men came forward to confess Christ as Lord and Savior. This was the first time I extended the invitation. Personal work, of course, preceded this invitation. At the 9 o'clock service last Sunday another invitation was given and 23 strong, robust sailors, some whose heads were well covered with silver, came forward. At 11:00 I preached in Oxnard for the pastor, who was away on vacation, and another sailor came, having accepted Christ as Lord and Savior; another and his wife came into the church from Ponca City, Okla. I have learned that these men, sailors of the navy, want only the gospel of a living, saving Christ. My conferences since Sunday with these men, and others, have convinced me that the simple service

mon with the way of life and an appeal of the evangelist, is the hour that counts for Christ with men everywhere. I'm having a wonderful time trying to help men with every manner of problems, and pointing them to the "Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world." These men expressed these denominational preferences—Baptist, Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian, Lutheran and Church of Christ. Baptism was arranged for them by chaplains or ministers of their faith from nearby cities. A religious census of the battalion is so easily obtained, and lost men are invited into the chaplain's office for a conference. Not all make committal the first time, but the way is opened for other interviews. This is as interesting and as joyful as any work a minister can do, in my humble opinion. In spite of reports to the contrary, I, as a naval chaplain, have had no sermon or prayer censored, have made no compromise in matters of doctrine or practice. I'm more Baptist than when I came into the navy, for we have a message that appeals to hungry souls. So many others, in confusion and unbelief, have missed the boat. Baptists have the TRUTH.

I covet your prayers in behalf of the men of my battalion, and the chaplains of our armed forces everywhere.

Abidingly yours,
SILAS B. COOPER.
(Editor's note: Mississippians will remember Silas B. Cooper as pastor at Sardis and Calvary, Tupelo.)

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Sparks & Splinters

Little Bahala church, Lincoln county: The Sunday school has been reorganized and arrangements have been made to bring the children of the community to Sunday school in trucks.—W. M. Tabb, pastor.

The Hinds-Warren W. M. U. Association will meet at the First Baptist Church in Jackson at 9:30 o'clock in the morning, October 1, 1943.

Concord church in Yazoo county will celebrate its 100th anniversary on the first Sunday in October. J. P. Harrington, Jackson; A. C. Parker, Petal, and B. A. McCullough, Braxton, former pastors are expected to be present. All friends and former members are invited to attend all day services with dinner on the ground.—Robert I Martin, pastor.

Rev. W. M. Tabb has been employed as one of the teachers at the Wesson school this year.

Here is the prize slogan of a Hi-Y club in South Carolina, "The cleanest minds are the keenest minds."

One of the messages which Hight C. Moore, our beloved comrade, gave at Ridgecrest, was entitled, "Forward—Under Control." That means control of heart, control of will, control of appetite, control of tongue, control of temper, control of countenance. This is good word for all of us, "Forward—Under Control."

Skene: Charles H. Skutt reports a good revival with his father, G. H. Skutt, of Columbia, South Carolina, doing the preaching and Guy Reedy of Clinton leading the singing. There were eight additions and 40 rededicated their lives to Christ.

Big Springs church, Lincoln county, has paid a \$75 Now Club pledge two years ahead of schedule. They have also increased the pastor's salary.—W. M. Tabb, pastor.

A memorial service at Peoria was held September 5 in memory of the 18 members of the church who are now in the armed forces. Eighteen men from Camp Van Dorn represented the 18 members. Chaplain Carrin brought the morning message.

A recent interesting development of the Extension Correspondence Department of the Baptist Bible Institute was the organization of a group of students in Chattanooga, Tennessee. It meets one night each week with three fifty-minute class sessions.

It is led by carefully selected and competent teachers who use textbooks and lesson outlines selected from the catalog of the Institute correspondence department courses. The three subjects selected for this fall's session are: Introductory Homiletics, by Park H. Anderson Bible Doctrines (Theology), by W. T. Connor, and Personal Evangelism by E. O. Sellers. At the conclusion of the course students will be granted the Institute correspondence certificate. Over thirty have enrolled.

Harmony church, Copiah county, is growing in interest. They are making plans to rebuild the church. They have also raised the pastor's salary.—W. M. Tabb, pastor.

A letter from Mrs. J. T. Kealhofer, Parchman, enclosed money for a subscription to the Record to be sent to her son, Dr. George C. Kealhofer, of Kansas City, Missouri, for his birthday present.

On Wednesday, September 21, the Foreign Mission Board received a cablegram from Miss Neale Young advising that the party of missionaries returning to Africa had arrived in the Belgian Congo and would possibly be delayed there for three months because of lack of transportation to Nigeria. They may be reached c/o The Swedish Mission, Matadi, Congo Belge, Africa. In the party are: Miss Neale Young, Miss Eva Sanders, Miss Susan Anderson, Miss Ethel Harmon and Miss Elizabeth Truly (assuming that Miss Truly reached Lisbon in time to join the four who had preceded her).

The First Baptist Church of Laurens recently experienced a great mid-summer revival. At the request of the church, Pastor J. H. Kyzar preached each evening for eight days. The auditorium was filled for each service and the presence and leadership of the Holy Spirit was unmistakable. Seventeen were added to the membership of the church.—Baptist Courier. (This is Mississippi's J. H. Kyzar. He went from Drew to the pastorate of First church, Laurens, S. C.—Editor.)

We recently received a nice list of subscriptions from Pine Grove church and Mt. Olive church in Tippah county. This list was sent in by James B. Parker, Ripley.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Rev. Bryan Simmons, Laurel; Rev. W. A. Green, Waynesboro; Rev. John M. Wells, Sumter, South Carolina; Rev. Percy M. Cooper, Jackson; Rev. J. W. Lee, Batesville; Mrs. H. L. Rhodes, Ackerman; Mrs. Joe Olander, Morgan City; Rev. Joe Olander, Morgan City; J. W. Steen, Florence; Rev. J. H. Pennebaker, Sumner; Rev. O. P. Moore, Moorehead; Rev. Guy A. Little, Pinola; Rev. Clark W. McMurray, Lynn, and J. E. Chapman, Utica.

Montevideo, Uruguay, Sept. 23—(AP)—The Swedish liner Gripsholm sailed today with more than 160 Japanese diplomats, businessmen and journalists from the United States and Chile en route to Goa, Portuguese India, where a diplomatic exchange will be affected with North and South American residents of the Far East. (Editor's note: The Gripsholm is on its way to return Southern Baptist missionaries who have been interned by the Japanese.)

Dr. Francis C. Stifler, editorial secretary of the American Bible Society, said that portions of the Scriptures had been distributed in 34 languages among prisoners in German camps. More than a quarter of a million have been distributed in this country among foreign-speaking people. We must get ready to distribute the Scriptures in many languages after the war.—E. C. Routh.

We admire the courage and optimism of a couple down in Georgia, the husband 75 and the woman 69, who in a recent study course took the book, "Planning a Life." With them life begins at seventy.—E. C. Routh.

N. T. Tull, field representative of the Church Building Loan Department of the Home Mission Board, has moved from New Orleans to Magnolia.

The First church of New Albany has elected three new deacons. They are: Homer Cruse, Lamar Williams and Wharey Newton.

Riley Munday has been called as pastor of Linwood church, Neshoba county.

London, Sept. 24—(AP)—The Tokyo radio reported that the Japanese exchange ship, Teia Maru, en route to Goa, Portuguese India, with 600 Americans, 50 Canadians and 50 Chileans aboard, left Hongkong today for Manilla. (Dispatches from Montevideo yesterday said that the Swedish liner, Gripsholm, bearing Japanese nationals who will be exchanged at Goa for the passengers on the Teia Maru, had left there after a 36-hour stay.)

T. T. Gooch has attended his association (now Yalobusha) for forty consecutive years. He has been clerk since 1915.

L. E. Smith has been called to Crosby church. He succeeds Virgil Ratcliff, who recently went to Lumberton as pastor.

Dr. William Potter is beginning his second year as pastor at McLain. He writes: "We have pledged ourselves, pastor and church, to a program of revitalized Christian life and service with I Corinthians 2:2 as our major text for the new year. We request of the praying Baptists of Mississippi their continued prayers in the fight we are waging in Greene county against beer and wine for public sale."

Troy A. Sumrall, new pastor at Purvis, writes that during the last two Sundays there have been 11 additions.

"The Borrowed Glow," now in its fourth edition, is a good book of daily devotions. The author is Richard Ellsworth Day. Dr. H. A. Ironside says that he finds it filled with helpful comments and is suggestive and spiritual. The price is \$2 and it may be purchased from the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

From the bulletin of the Lambert Baptist Church, R. W. Porter, pastor, we learn that on August 1 he began his seventh year as pastor. The bulletin also states: "The membership in 1937 was 120; today it is 243. During the past six years 195 people have united with this church, 83 of whom came by profession of faith. Your receipts reported to the Association for 1937 were \$640.06. Your last report for 1942 showed \$3,207.84. In 1937, gifts to missions were \$62.60. Last year they were \$495.93. Six years ago you were renting a pastor's home; today you own your own home. Figures for the 1942-43 church year are not complete but they will show a marked increase over last year. God has blessed us as we have labored together during these past six years."

August 2nd through the 8th, Pastor B. L. Mohon and the Oak Grove church of Meridian were in their meeting, allowing me to preach for them. What a pleasure to be with a son in the ministry, and how well the people love him. We were given a good hearing, and people seem to be strengthened by the services. This is a most splendid group, and the church continues to grow. On Sunday evening at the close of the meeting, Brother Mohon's resignation was accepted, and he goes shortly to a church in Florence, Ala. The people let him go with regret. No additions were received during the meeting. The singing was under the able direction of Bob Cooper. He is fine.—Owen Williams.

Leroy Boland has resigned his field of churches which included Isola and Cruger.

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John A. Wade, pastor of Salem church, Carroll county, writes that he enjoyed having Enlistment Pastor E. D. Estes in their meeting. The church accepted and paid for another Now Club certificate. This is an EVERY FAMILY church.

Terry's Creek church, Pike county: The church recently surprised the new pastor, G. E. Wells, and family with a shower of household gifts. Refreshments were served by the women of the church.

Mrs. Fred Ethridge of the Oak Grove Baptist Church, Neshoba county, sends \$2 for Chinese relief. This was given by her Primary class. They take a special offering for some object each Sunday morning. This is fine training for the children.

The many friends of D. Wade Smith, former pastor of Fifth Avenue church, Hattiesburg, will be glad to know that he is now a chaplain and stationed at Camp Mackall, North Carolina.

Rev. J. B. Ray, Enlistment Pastor, Tupelo, has suffered a temporary physical setback. His doctor has ordered a two months' complete rest. Various pastors have agreed to make associations and other emergency dates for him. It is regretted that Bro. Ray will be unable to accept and fill dates for these next several weeks.

Rev. John W. Moffatt is leaving the Rogers Park church, Chicago, Ill., to accept a call to the First church, Newport.

Juniper Grove: Our pastor, D. W. Nix, took 43 of our young people to the B. T. U. quarterly association at Zion Hill. Two of our members appeared on program. Little Patsy Smith represented the Story Hour and Ethel Barnette discussed "Attempting God's Work Through the B. T. U."

From the associational letter of the First Baptist Church, Canton, we glean the following facts: Additions for the past year 115; 37 by baptism. The present membership is 715, gain over last year of 77. Total contributions were \$18,000, total gifts to outside causes, \$5,400. C. Z. Holland is pastor.

E. T. Mobberly of Laurel is now completing the reading of the Greek New Testament for the fiftieth time. He says, "I have made it my program to read the New Testament in Greek at least once a year since I left the Seminary."

The First Baptist Church of Denton, Texas, recently celebrated its eighty-fifth birthday and the sixth anniversary of their pastor, Dr. Frank Weedon. They burned a note for \$42,000, which had been paid during the ministry of Dr. Weedon. During these six years the church has contributed \$131,181.25 for local expenses and \$43,536.04 for outside causes. There have been 2,677 additions by letter and 537 by baptism.

Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Orleans, recently returned from a week's preaching engagement at Chanute Field, Illinois. The services were conducted under the joint auspices of Lt. Col. Walter L. Moser, post chaplain, the dozen chaplains associated with him, and the Pastors' Conference of nearby Rantoul. Many professions of faith and rededications resulted from the services.

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Mail Christmas packages to soldiers overseas before October 15.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

"They . . . went everywhere preaching the Word." Acts 8:4.

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RE: THE TWO POSTERS

Posters do not teach everything as parables do not teach everything. We realize the posters recently sent out on The Cooperative Program and God's Financial Plan do not tell the whole story. These are merely basal for emphasizing certain teachings and phases of His work. The Storehouse Plan is a major emphasis of one. Of course a church accepting tithes and offerings in money is practicing the storehouse plan. However, some have produce for the Lord's work when they do not have much money. God's acre is used by some and rejected by others. The plan certainly is scriptural when the harvest of that acre is a part of the tithes and offerings.

The "Cooperative Program Poster" only in a general way includes ALL causes. For instance, under Christian Education we include our colleges, seminaries, training schools and literature. The separate causes are too numerous to list and present on a poster for real emphasis.

Already we have received "thanks" from many pastors, superintendents and other workers. We mailed one each of the posters to pastors and Sunday school superintendents. If others are needed we have some several dozen extras. Write us. Use them!

II

The "Chiangs of China" are two of the most famous persons on this earth today. They are noted Christians. Their life story may now be had in a book by that name. Elmer T. Clark is the author. It is an Abingdon-Cokesbury book. Price \$1. The story begins with the conversion of a boy. Interesting pictures also dot the book. Order from your Book Store.

III

An interesting little book, "On Wings of the Morning," by McCraw will appeal to young people who like clean, wholesome fiction. In the characters of this book we find two young girls who chose to inherit the eternal life, rather than to be numbered among the worldly of this life, and to live for a period in the joys that the "life of the world" brings to young people. This book is published by Fleming H. Revell Company and may be obtained at your Book Store.

IV

All institutions, agencies, committees, and departments will please remember that annual reports are to be in soon for publishing in the Convention bulletin.

This is in line with the Constitutional provisions of the Convention. See paragraph 5, page 13, under article VII (page 12) of the 1942 Mississippi Baptist Convention Annual. This provision reads as follows: "The Convention Board, and all other boards, commissions, standing committees and agencies of the Convention shall make annual reports to the Convention through the Convention Board, which reports shall be published, and shall be made available to the members of the Convention, and for distribution on the first day of the annual meeting of the Convention."

This provision has been ignored for years by some. The Convention should require the same loyalty from all. To say that "We do not print ours because it is not read," is first, to insult the intelligence of the Convention for having such a requirement. Second, it is hardly true. Too many requests for copies come for us to think that it is not read. Third, let some error creep in, and we all find out it IS READ! Fourth, may we ask, "How much of some report that was just read and not printed, do you remember these last years?" Silly, isn't it!

Let us play the game according to the rules. Most of the reports should be in by, certainly not later, than OCTOBER 20th, earlier if possible. All must be in by November 1 to guarantee printing.

V

SECONDS JUDGE McCALL'S MOTION

L. E. Barton, Montgomery, Alabama

Judge McCall of Memphis, in an article appearing in several papers, has urged a worthy program for Southern Baptists after the war. He suggests a ten-year plan which will challenge our people to match the magnitude of opportunity with the magnitude of their liberality. May I heartily endorse his general plan and submit for the brotherhood's consideration some details such a plan ought to include?

1. Let Us Fix a minimum goal of one hundred million dollars in ten years for our missionary and benevolent work at home and abroad.

2. Let Us Divide it fifty-fifty for south-wide and world-wide causes, and for state and home causes. Let no state be counted as co-operating in the plan that does not faithfully maintain this ratio.

3. Go to the Churches each year with ten million as our goal for missions, or more than ten million as our effort succeeds.

4. Nail Down once and for all time this proposition, that we will go on a cash basis, will not make one dollar of indebtedness; and, furthermore, any institution, board, or agency which creates an indebtedness automatically and immediately forfeits its participation in the fund.

"But," you say, "Southern Baptists are able to give more than ten million dollars a year to missions and benevolence." That is true but this will make a worthy beginning, and as we go on liberality will increase.

Surely nothing less than this is worthy if we mean to preach Christ to a broken world which has lost its way. The Convention should consider some such plan at its meeting next spring and inaugurate it then, or certainly by

CHINA AND HER PEOPLE

REFORMS Continued

By T. W. Ayers
Retired Missionary

One of the greatest of all the reforms undertaken in China after the fall of the Manchu dynasty, was the effort to stop the use of opium by the Chinese.

When the emperor of China pleaded with the British government not to



force opium on the Chinese people, he predicted that the use of this drug would ruin the Chinese physically, financially and morally. After the Opium War of two years, when the British gained a victory over China, the opium traffic was opened, and the Chinese, who had never before used opium, began to use it in every province, and the prediction of the emperor was so absolutely verified that opium became China's greatest curse.

To put an end to the use of this, the greatest curse which had come to the Chinese, was clearly the greatest and most difficult of all the reforms to be undertaken. Here they found a habit which had such a strong hold on the people that many, and this number included many who had belonged to the wealthy, educated and influential classes, had rather died than give up their opium pipes.

Here was an evil which not only needed to be outlawed, but must be removed so as that it would be impossible to reach.

A law was enacted making the sale, the use and the growth of the poppy a crime, carrying a prison penalty.

The enforcement of this law was difficult, and especially so as many of the officials at that time were opium smokers; but the success obtained was no less than marvelous. Five years ago, opium joints in China no longer existed; it was not found for sale on every street as formerly; the growth of the poppy had been given up to the extent that only a few offenders were being brought before the courts; the number who had formed the habit were rapidly giving it up, if not willingly, because of the difficulty in securing it, and the high price which they had to pay for it; the young people were no longer contracting the habit; and the result of the reform held out the hope that China would some day be as free from this evil habit as were the people in other parts

1945, our Centennial year. This plan would not preclude large gifts to institutions by individuals. I second your motion, Judge McCall, with the hope that the Convention may have an understanding of the times and of the opportunity.

(We feel sure that Dr. Barton's second suggestion needs to be clarified. How could a state like several of ours—a state with a weak constituency and a gigantic local mission task—be expected to share its funds upon the same basis as Virginia or South Carolina where the state mission problem is far less imposing?—Editor.)

—Western Recorder

VI

We were delighted to sit in on a Calvary service at Jackson, hearing Dr. Claud B. Bowen present a very helpful message on the church at Philadelphia. The entire service was worshipful and largely attended. Seven persons walked the aisles for Christ. Doxology!

GUN COVERS PROTECT BIBLES ON ARMY TRANSPORT LIFE RAFTS

Bibles which are placed on every life raft and life boat on army transport vessels for the spiritual guidance and inspiration of men forced to take to the water in the event of disaster are being protected from the effects of salt water by the same type of cover that protects pistols, rifles, and machine guns in landing operations, the War Department reports.

By a curious incongruity, the covers used for pistols are of exactly the right size for copies of the Bible, and have been adopted by the Chaplains Corps as a standard protective covering for them. The covers were developed by the Quartermaster Corps from a pliable, transparent waterproof film known as vinyl. They are buoyant enough to float the books if they are accidentally dropped overboard or washed out of the rafts in heavy seas.

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of the world.

The lawmakers in passing the law to do away with the use of opium, realized how difficult it was to give up this habit, and the measures taken were for the gradual suppression. All opium smokers under sixty years of age were required to register and to state the amount used daily; to forbid all sales except licensed smokers and only to the amount of the daily bid all sales except to licensed smokers allowances to be reduced at each renewal of the license; all opium dens to be closed; the growth of the poppy to be stopped.

While the Chinese officials were making an honest effort to do away with this evil, the Japanese in every way possible were getting morphine into the hands of the Chinese. Then since the war which commenced five years ago, in all areas occupied by the Japanese, opium shops; opium dens are open in every city and village, and the Chinese are encouraged in every way possible to again return to the use of opium. The Japanese realize that nothing could injure the Chinese physically, morally and financially as will the use of opium, and they are doing all possible to increase its sale and use. Fortunately, the younger generation in China understands the motive of the Japanese, and are not falling into the evil habit in such large numbers as the Japanese expected.

When the Japanese are forced to leave China, then, no doubt, under the leadership of its Christian leaders, the fight will be renewed with increased vigor to rid the Chinese of this great evil, and may we all pray that this day may soon come.

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CONSIDER THE PASTOR

Many Mississippi churches are now thinking about or planning their new budgets. Many of the members of these churches have had small, large or very large increases in income. Contributions of most of the churches show a gratifying increase over recent years.

Living costs have greatly increased in the past few months. Practically everything costs more.

Some churches are paying the same salary today that they did when eggs were fifteen cents a dozen and cotton twelve cents a pound.

Others have given their pastors a modest increase in salary.

To tell the truth, some of our pastors are finding it difficult to make both ends meet. They are not complaining. They are carrying on as best they can.

BUT—

As fair minded Christians we want to be fair.

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LATINS POURING WHISKEY INTO U. S.

(The Associated Press)

Washington, Sept. 23—Liquor is pouring into this country at an unprecedented rate, a treasury report disclosed today, and importers said the current whiskey shortage is proving a bonanza to Latin-American countries.

During August such imports, reflected by sales of internal revenue stamps, reached a record high of 3,785,000 gallons, contrasted to 967,000 gallons in the corresponding month a year ago.—New Orleans States.

AND they told us that if the prohibition amendment were repealed conditions were better. Didn't they also say that more whiskey was consumed under prohibition than under legalization?

WE BEG TO AGREE

Recently in New Orleans a group of movie stars put on a show to encourage people to buy war bonds.

One person writing to one of the New Orleans papers said: "Are we so unpatriotic we have to be cajoled into buying war bonds with a free show of singing, dancing and clowning? I think there are a lot better reasons to back the attack than to get a free ticket to listen to a lot of big-name stars for free. I have at least one reason—a brother in Italy."

The above sentiments are ours.

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WE BEG TO DISAGREE

Dr. H. H. Hargrove is the honored pastor of the Columbus Avenue church in Waco, Texas. He is also chairman of the Committee on Preparation for Post-War Missions. He has worked long and faithfully as chairman of this commission.

In our issue of September 16 we published the report of his committee. The recommendations of that committee were:

"(1) That a Southwide revival effort be launched; (2) That our mission boards be asked to keep our people informed concerning our current and post-war needs; (3) That by every possible means the need for missionaries after the war be laid on the hearts of our youth; (4) (a) That the campaign to pay our debts in 1943 be promoted to a victorious conclusion by January 1, 1944; (b) that stewardship be vigorously promoted, (c) that the Cooperative Program be preserved as our primary means of giving financial support to our mission agencies, (d) that a way be opened to receive extra free-will gifts from our people for a post-war mission fund, to be known as "The Baptist World Redemption Program," (e) that gifts be made either in cash or government bonds, and the Executive Committee be the receiving agent, (f) that these funds be divided by the Convention between the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Board, (g) that all state boards, secretaries, editors, etc., be requested to give full cooperation; (5) That the planning of post-war mission programs be left with the mission boards; (6) That the Committee on Public Relations begin effort immediately to influence those most likely to determine the conditions of peace; and (7) That the committee ascertain the post-war plans of other Baptist bodies with a view to a correlation of effort."

Many of these recommendations are good but we wish to call attention to d, e, f and g above.

Suggestion d asks that special or designated gifts be promoted. The very opposite should be done. As one has said, "Every designation is a recommendation g. It proposes that

We are in full agreement with the desire expressed in No. 4. It urges

that we try to get out of debt. But, if when we get out of debt we begin to promote designations we will be signing the death warrant of the Cooperative Program.

But we beg to dissent from recommendation f. For Baptists are engaged in a world-wide program. State and district missions is just as vital as foreign and home missions. No paper in the South is more sympathetic to these two causes than is The Baptist Record. Quite often we give front page space to articles about their work. But Home and Foreign Missions is not the whole of our program.

We plan to promote all our work, not just two parts of it.

Furthermore, we cannot agree with recommendation g. It promises that state secretaries, etc., be requested to give full cooperation. This is like borrowing your competing carpenter's saw to build the house that he would like to help build.

Our state secretaries are to support all our work, not just two parts of it. Let's ask them to help build all the house, not two of the rooms only.

Every appeal made for two objects to the exclusion of the others and every gift designated to two objects only will hurt the other objects.

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A BUDGET IDEA

Now that the EVERY FAMILY Plan is a success, adopted and used by more than 650 churches in Mississippi and being used successfully by most of the states of the Southern Baptist Convention, we want to urge every church and every pastor to consider the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record.

It is a waste of space to urge its usefulness. The fact that NOT ONE church has expressed any dissatisfaction with it is sufficient recommendation.

The price is only 8 1/3 cents per resident (active) family per month and payable monthly.

If the Record is good for part of the people, it is good for all of them. It will help all parts of the church work. It will increase the offerings more than enough to pay for its small cost.

The EVERY FAMILY Plan is not an experiment but a tried and successful plan.

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ESSENTIAL TO WAR EFFORT

Able-Bodied Men to Load and Unload Ships

\$1.10 Per Hour Minimum Pay

Time and a half overtime.

Persons now employed in essential industry or under age of 18 need not apply.

203 Gravier St.

Between 8:30 and 10:30 a. m.

Frankly, churches, don't you think you should pay your pastor as much as is being offered common laborers?

At ten hours a day the above ad offers laborers for the month of September the sum of \$314.60. This is based on a six-day week.

Note that no training, experience nor education is required. But the pastor is expected to have all three and many other qualifications as well.

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

WHAT MARINES ARE READING

It is very unpleasant to have to call attention to evils connected with the war effort. One had so much rather be a booster of everything that is being done. But there is coming an end to the struggle some day, and the wise citizen keeps that fact in mind and tries diligently to safeguard the future from ravages that will be inevitable because of what war does to people. And when such an article as that which appeared in "Our Naval News and Comments" of the mid-July issue of "Our Navy" comes to hand, there is an immediate demand for protest. We wish the parents of the boys in the navy to see what is being circulated among their lads through this publication.

What appears to be an editorial article entitled "The Middle Road" carries among other damaging suggestions, the following comments: "When youth is old enough to fight, is he old enough to think for himself? This question has perplexed sturdier heads than ours. Our mother's natural reaction is NO. Congress, temperance societies, old John Barleycorn, and the gentle members of the pulpit, say NO. But the loudest and most vehement of all are the old women. We use this phrase advisedly for we feel that any person who sits on the side lines and just criticizes is an old woman. And they answer the above question with NO."

The writer then goes on to point out the restrictions in the navy on drinking alcoholic beverages and association with women, calls attention to the things expected and demanded of the men of the navy and of the influence of life in service upon the men, then declares: "If a man is old enough to serve his country in war, learn all the tricks in connection with killing, he is old enough to make up his own mind. He should be entitled to sit down at a counter and have ice cream soda, a glass of beer, or a cocktail. . . . We are advocating that you old women leave our fighting men alone. Allow them to think for themselves."

Then follows some statements about the relatively few who drink and do other things to excess. An account is given of four blue jackets who helped gather evidence against some who were selling alcoholic drinks to minors and these were criticized. There is a caustic declaration about the stories of prostitution and venereal disease among the hosts of camp-following girls and young women, and all this followed with the advice to the tars, "We would advise, beware of the professionals, until the government legalizes prostitution. The army had a try at legalized prostitution 'deep in the heart of Texas' and it worked."

"Why? Because any sane person knows that to keep men away from women is as hard as holding one's tongue on the surface of the sun just to hear it sizzle. . . . We wholeheartedly advise navy men, especially the younger neophytes, to go easy. Listen to the advice of older men and doc-

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SELECTED EDITORIAL
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tors. Take advantage of the free medical treatment, be careful, moderate, save, and you will make a navyman. Once you have arrived at this criterion it will no longer be necessary to listen to the old women, for you will be on the middle road."

The underscored words in the quotations are in italics in the original. Notice especially the emphatic approval of the legalized prostitution in the camp areas, and the further unreported fact that the government actually made an experiment in Texas of bringing prostitutes to the men. It is impossible for the enlisted men to escape temptations. Great numbers of them succumb to it and become victims of alcoholism as well as other base sins. With every safeguard possible placed around the men in uniform, it is inevitable that many of them will degenerate. More of them, we can thank God, will remain clean and fine. But we can be dead sure that, with such propaganda as that in "Our Navy" great numbers of the men will be turned against their mothers and pastors and give up the ideals of manliness and purity which they held when they enlisted. What a tragedy that the navymen should ever have the chance to read such advice! What a tremendous task our churches and parents are going to face when these men return from where they are given such advice! And mind you, this was prepared especially for the 18-20 year-old class of men!—Western Recorder.

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ON MY EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY
By Henry Ford

People don't read the Bible enough nowadays. If you look around my house you will notice a Bible in every room. I like to be able to lay my hands on a Bible whenever I sit down to relax. During the first World War, President Wilson and I took a pledge to read a chapter in the Bible every day. I have kept my pledge, and I understand he did until his death.

I believe the associations of the church are beneficial to all—its hymns, its prayers, its offerings, its public readings of the Scripture, its sermons. It is good for us to worship, and to worship together. Basic in my religious experience is a reverence for the old hymns. It takes me back to my boyhood when I used to hear these hymns in my home and in the Sunday school. My mother was deeply religious, and we always had a hymn and Bible reading in our home. In grammar school we always started the day with what we called "devotions," consisting of reading a passage in the Bible, singing a hymn, and a brief prayer. That kind of religious emphasis in school is a great thing and I wish it might prevail in every schoolroom in America.

In the schools and Sunday schools you see the future of America. You must count in the children on any thought about tomorrow. We talk as if the future is to be what we say; but these youngsters are going to make some of our ideas look paltry. I like to be with children. They always have the glimmer of a better dawn in their faces.

Yes, I am blessed to observe my eightieth birthday, July 30th. We have been married fifty-five years,

NEARLY 500 ENROLL AT
SOUTHERN SEMINARY
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What about our courage as a nation? Hitler thinks that if we have enough casualties in the next six months we will make any kind of peace terms. He can then go on dominating Europe and Japan can continue to dominate the Pacific. Will we show a spirit of cowardice? Will we endure hardships? We are excused from the draft. Unless we have the spirit of enduring hardships on this campus, and undergo sacrifices like unto those of our soldiers of the nation, we have no right to be here."

Dr. Sampey related with deep feeling the story of a student who two years ago secured permission to leave the Seminary that he might enlist in the Air Corps. Recently this brave lad has been reported as missing in action. He told also of a former student who went to the front with his men. Left with a group of the wounded, this chaplain chose to stay with them although it cost him his life. "I take off my hat to these two boys," Dr. Sampey concluded. "They gave their lives for the sake of others." The entire student body arose with Dr. Sampey in honor of these brave men and others like them, while the veteran prayed for his young comrades that they might indeed be "good soldiers of Christ Jesus."

Dr. Carver brought a charge to faculty and students, proposing that Paul's word to Timothy be the watchword of the session: "Remember Jesus Christ." "Keep Jesus Christ in mind" he exhorted, "what He was in the days of His flesh, what He is and what He is doing in the world today. Keep Jesus Christ in mind for this bleeding, striving, fighting world. Keep Him in mind when you are about to get discouraged. Keep Him in mind when temptations come. Keep Him in mind when you are tempted to take a short cut. Keep Jesus in mind as you plan your day's duties and as you look to the future of service wherever He shall call you."

President Fuller announced the opening of the new School of Church Music at an early date. The school will occupy the property recently given to the Seminary by Mr. V. V. Cook of Louisville. He stated that Mr. N. B. Perkins of Williamsburg, Kentucky, had just proposed to him to supply the new school with needed pianos. President Fuller told of the movement initiated by the alumni to raise \$250,000 for the erection of a Memorial Chapel when conditions permit. Already, he said, the response to this appeal is bringing in encouraging gifts. He read a telegram from the Ministers' Association of Greenville county, South Carolina, announcing that Greenville Baptists have committed themselves to the purchase and installation of a four-manual organ for the new chapel. Mr. Charles A. McGlon, for several years connected with Peabody Teachers College, Nashville, Tennessee, has been added to the teaching staff of the Department of Public Speech.

The degree of Doctor in Theology was conferred by the President upon Robert Whitlock Pratt, Kentucky; Howard William Lee, Michigan, and

and the way grows sweeter and brighter every passing day.—Arkansas Baptist.

BLUE MOUNTAIN FUND
TOTALS \$112,496
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Center Hill; MONTGOMERY: Bethlehem, Duck Hill; NESHoba: Bluff Springs, Coldwater, Linwood, Oak Grove, Philadelphia, Spring Creek church; NEWTON: Beulah, Clarke-Venable, Eddins Memorial, Newton, Pleasant Hill, Union; Noxubee: Bethel, Brooksville, Macon, Shuqualak; OKTIBBEHA: Adaton, Starkville First, Maben, Morgan's Chapel, Self Creek, Sturgis; PANOLA: Batesville, Courtland, Crenshaw, Good Hope, Liberty Hill, Pope, Union; PEARL RIVER: Corinth, Picayune First; PIKE: McComb First, Navilla; PONTOTOC: Algoma, Cherry Creek, Ecru, Pontotoc First, Sherman, Spring Hill, Toxish; PRENTISS: Booneville, Osborne Creek, Thrasher; QUITMAN: Darling, Marks; RANKIN: Antioch, Clear Creek, Liberty, Mt. Pisgah, Oakdale, Pelahatchie, Steens Creek; SCOTT: Hopewell, Lake, Oak Grove, Springfield; SHARKEY: Cary; SIMPSON: Braxton, Magee, Mendenhall; SMITH: Sardis, Summerville; STONE: Wiggins; SUNFLOWER: Drew, Inverness, Moorhead, New Hope, Ruleville, Sunflower; TALLAHATCHIE: Bethany, Friendship No. 1, Friendship No. 2, Mt. Pisgah, Paynes, Phillip, Sumner, Webb; TATE: Mt. Manna, New Hope, Tyro; TIPPAH: Chalybeate, Curtis Creek, Fellowship, Lowrey Memorial, Mt. Olive, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Ridge, Providence, Ripley, Walnut; TISHOMINGO: Fairview, Old Ham; TUNICA: Dundee; UNION: Glenfield, Myrtle, New Albany, Wallerville; WALTHALL: Silver Creek, Tylertown; WARREN: Antioch; WASHINGTON: Arcola, Greenville, Hollandale, Leeland; WAYNE: Friendship; Webster: Blythe Creek, Eupora, Fellowship; WINSTON: Good Hope, Louisville, Mathiston, Shiloh; YALOBUSHIA: Coffeeville, Oakland, Sylvarena, Tillatoba; Yazoo: Bentonia, Bethel, Concord, Hebron, Rocky Springs, Yazoo City.

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One cipher makes a lot of difference. In the issue of September 23 it was stated that the offerings at the First church, Pascagoula, for August totaled \$41,000. Dr. L. E. Green, pastor, and those Pascagoula Baptists are liberal givers but not quite that liberal. Somebody added the cipher. The correct figure for August was \$4,100.

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Do not fail to read Page No. Eight.

Henry Clayton Waddell, Florida.

At the close of the first day 487 men had been matriculated. To this number something like 50 more students have been added during the first week of the session. A considerable increase in the enrollment at the W. M. U. Training School is reported by Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, the principal, there having been matriculated 107 boarding students and upward of 50 wives of Seminary students.

At the evening hour of opening day the annual lecture was delivered by Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, who thus began his second year as Professor of Church History. Dr. Stealey's subject was "Balthasar Hubmaier and Some Perennial Religious Problems." He held the rapt attention of a great audience as he told the story of this 16th century Anabaptist martyr, and drew from his life significant lessons for our day.



C. B. HAMLETT, III, GOES TO
WINONA

Rev. C. B. Hamlet, III, leaves the pastorate of the Clarke-Venable Memorial Baptist Church of Decatur, Sept. 30th to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Winona. Rev. Hamlet has been pastor at Decatur for three years and seven months. In that time the church has welcomed 229 members into their membership, 75 of which came by baptism and 154 by letter. After a year's pastorate the church went from half-time to full time. This year \$6000.00 was contributed through the regular offerings of the church. The church's gifts to missions have increased more than five times what they were in 1940. The pastor started a regular mid-week prayer meeting in which many books of the Bible have been systematically taught. God has blessed the weekly systematic system of church finance through the Sunday school which was inaugurated soon after Rev. Hamlet came to Decatur. A butane gas heating system was installed in the church and pastorum, and other improvements made.

The church voted to purchase two \$1000 bonds to be applied to the building fund.

Sunday, Sept. 26th, was a great day for the church and retiring pastor. The auditorium was packed for both services. The pastor welcomed five new members by letter and baptized five Sunday night. At the close of the night's service the church and the W. M. U. presented the pastor and his wife with a beautiful sterling silver service as a parting gift of appreciation.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U.
ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Cross Roads (Webster)	80	
Ellison Ridge (Winston)	117	49
Highland	303	118
Bethlehem (Jones)	88	80
Louisville	343	60
Ackerman	115	32
Olive Branch	113	51
Wallerville	70	46
Enon (Panola)	62	69
Crystal Springs	406	125
Parkway	524	183
Calvary	931	202
First Baptist Jackson	990	336
Griffith Memorial	678	378
New Albany	466	135

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Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
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Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwina Robinson

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Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Centreville.

OUR STATE OFFICERS

"The Witness of the Word" is the missionary topic for the month of October. The newspapers, both secular and religious, and many magazines are testifying daily and weekly to the power of God's Word in the hearts of men. These testimonies should quicken our efforts to make His way known to all the world. "For the Logos of God is a living thing, active and more cutting than any sword with a double edge, penetrating to the very division of soul and spirit, joints and marrow—scrutinizing the very thoughts and conceptions of the heart."—Heb. 4:12 (Moffatt's Translation).

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

"Thy Word is a Light Unto My Path"

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path," said the Psalmist. In a dark, disordered world the Bible has gone everywhere to illumine the paths of righteousness—the paths that lead to the God and Father of Jesus Christ, who comforts, guards, upholds, and saves. It is in the pockets and the hands and the hearts of millions of armed men, who are ready to die for the truth it teaches. It has been opened in homes all over American and elsewhere, where it has been too long closed. Weary prisoners behind barbed wire, thousands upon thousands of them, are making it their daily portion, and by its radiance, finding the path that leads from a living death to a life of hope and purpose. Restless students in India, in China, and in Latin America, bent on finding a better world, devouring the pages of the Bible, commanding its precepts and planning to build for their generation a world "wherein dwelleth righteousness."

Never such confusion, never so many treading new paths, never so far from home, never so much temptation, never so much suffering, so widespread across the world—and with it all, never was the Bible more eagerly sought after, never, possibly, so earnestly read. Though it is a forbidden book in Russia, many prisoners of war receive it gladly. Its publication now stopped in Norway, the Norwegians had supplied their homes with copies and are reading it and heeding it more. The Bible Society in Holland has suffered severe restrictions but the Dutch people, many of their pastors carried off to Germany, are reading the Bible in neighborhood clubs under lay leadership. Latin America is stepping into world affairs as never before, and is buying up every copy that can be supplied. China, cut off from the world save for a little trickle of war supplies flown in from India, is returning to old style printing on bamboo paper, that her hunger for the Word

may be satisfied, and her thirst for righteousness slaked.

Some doors are closed that last year were open. The door to Japan is closed, though there is reason to believe that out from the Bible House in Tokyo, turned over to the Japan Bible Society in 1941, the Word is going forth, albeit no doubt in meagre measure. Japan herself has closed the door to Thailand, to the Netherlands Indies, to the Philippines, to Korea and elsewhere, but millions of little portions of God's Word have in recent years been circulated in these lands. In days like these, they are not forgotten.

Doors are closed in Europe. There are few if any Bibles left to buy in France and Italy and Poland and Belgium and Greece and Hungary and Roumania—yes, and Germany. Europe, that gave the world the Bible, is today bereft of the Bible,—yet not bereft; for millions of Bibles have through the centuries been distributed in Europe; and we may be sure that thousands of these that have been neglected hitherto are being brought out, dusted off, and searchingly read. Earthly paths may be barred by the foes of freedom. But the paths of righteousness can not be cut off by the clanging bars of the suppressor.

Some day the war will end. Millions of people who are now being driven where they would not go, will find again the freedom to choose their own paths. The confusion of war will give place to the confusion of reconstruction. There will be unrest, reprisals, rioting, bloodshed, still. We shall call it peace, when as yet there is no peace. But the paths of righteousness will still be there within the nations and between them. England and Russia and Germany and Italy and China and America and Japan and India will still be here, God will be on His throne, and the Bible will still be holding aloft the light of truth.

These are things we know. We Americans, who owe more to the Bible, possibly, than any other great nation, know, too, that we can do much more. Through the centuries Europe has given the world the Bible. With Europe prostrated after the war, America will likely be the chief source of the world's supply. China's leaders are turning to the Bible. China is also reducing her illiteracy. The demand for Scriptures from China alone may shortly after the war exceed that ever made by any nation in history. America must be ready to face that demand.

The record of the American Bible Society for 1942, reviewed in these pages, should give courage to believe that the paths of righteousness, eagerly sought for and followed throughout the world, should be kept lighted with the wider and wider circulation of the Word of God, and that the people of America have a special obligation to see that this is done.

Dear Worker with Youth:
Nature reminds us that autumn with all her activity will soon arrive.

I trust that we shall use much of our renewed energy and strength in "The King's Business." As you look at your organization, what are its weaknesses? How can you remedy this? Remember, no organization is stronger than its leader! Are we studying that we might be informed? Are we praying that we may have power? Are we working that we might see progress? Are we leading that youth might help answer "Thy Kingdom come"? We must use these days! Frustration and uncertainty haunt youth now, terrific responsibility faces them in a tomorrow when a wrecked world is to be built; their method of rebuilding is being shaped today in missionary education organizations. It is yours to interpret to youth this message. What responsibility is ours! All great movements are carried forward by little "shoves," so we must be practical and begin with the little things.

1. Check your Standard of Excellence—

What points have you failed to reach? Why? Couldn't you do it even yet?

2. Have you had a real mission study class this year? The newest books are on Africa:

Y. W. A.—"Day Dawn in Yoruba Land," 50c; "Basil Lee Lockett," 50c.
Intermediates—"So This is Africa," 40c.
Juniors—"Topsy Turvy Twins," 25c.
Sunbeams—"Little Black Sunday," 25c.

3. Have you made an honest effort to place subscriptions to "World Comrades" or "The Window of Y. W. A." in the homes of your members? This is so important and personal contact is the solution.

4. Have you presented the Coupon Campaign? One church (Calhoun City) had a contest between the organizations to see which could gather the most. Another church (First Baptist Church, Jackson) has one Monday each month for in-gathering of coupons. We have received our first check of \$89.95 from this effort—this is to be used for the equipment of our new camp. Make you a plan and work your plan.

5. Stewardship Night—Talk to your young people's director and president about this.

—Edwina Robinson.
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TEN BEST BOOKS

Preaching from the Bible—Blackwood.

The Call to Conversion—Appelman.
The Robe—Douglas.

Pastoral Psychology—Karl Stoltz.
Prayer—Geo. Buttrick.

The Romance of Evangelism—Leavell.

Philippians in the Greek New Testament—West.

Charles G. Finney—An Autobiography.

The Art of Counseling—May.
Revival Addresses—Torrey.

JOHN B. LANNEY.

MINISTERIAL MUSINGS

One of our successful pastors in Mississippi now, was a few years ago a student in the Mississippi College. While at the college he halted me on the street one day with the announcement that he had to make a missionary speech and I must help him to get it up. I told him he was plenty able to get his own speech without any help from me.

This stunned him into thinking, and he said, "By the way, I must tell you of an experience in my church about twenty miles from here this year." It was then near the end of the year. And this was his story as nearly as I can literally reproduce it.

He said when he went out to preach about the first of March, he went to dinner with a leading member of his church. As soon as dinner was over, he and the farmer walked out in the field when the first spring plowing had begun. Then the farmer said, "Brother Pastor, I want you to pray the Lord to help me make a good crop this year." The pastor promised that he would pray for this. "But," said the farmer, "I want you to pray now." The pastor said, "Do you mean that you want a good crop so that you can do more for the Lord?" When he said yes, the pastor got down with him and prayed the Lord to bless his labors and give him a good crop. The next month, the pastor was with him again, and the request for prayer for the same object was repeated and together they prayed again. In telling me about it, the pastor said, "Do you know that that man made the best crop in all that country? People came from three counties to see his crop of cotton. They had boll weevil all around him, but he did not have one in his field. He made more cotton and corn than he had ever made in his life."

Of course, I was expecting to hear that he made a big contribution to missions, and waited to hear the end of the story. Then the pastor said, "Do you know that fellow never gave the Lord a cent of it, not a cent?" That seemed to me to spoil the story, but he wasn't through yet. He said, "But, he had 30 of the finest, biggest hogs I ever saw. He fed his corn to them, and they were nearly ready for the market, when cholera got in among them. He sent to Canton and Yazoo City and got veterinarians to come out and vaccinate his hogs. But it didn't do a bit of good; every one of them died."

The Lord is a good collector. He said, "I will require it." "Be not deceived, God is not mocked." "God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound unto you; that ye having always all sufficiency in everything, may abound unto every good work." "And he that supplieth seed to the sower and bread for food, shall supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the fruits of your righteousness." P. I. Lipsey.

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Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b:
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



G. E. WELLS

Another Pastor Resigns But Has EVERY FAMILY Plan Adopted

It seems that this matter of resigning a church and getting them to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan is contagious. Recently Johnnie Laney resigned at Weir and after resigning led his church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Now comes G. E. Wells stating that he has resigned his field of churches in Jefferson Davis county. But the letter inclosed the EVERY FAMILY lists for Ebenezer and Oak Grove churches.

We commend this plan to those going on a new field, leaving a field, or staying on a field.

Jefferson Davis county now has Record readers as follows: ANTIOCH 36; EBENEZER 25; BASSFIELD 53; BETHANY 35; Carson 7; HATHORN 39; HEPZIBAH 28; OLD HEBRON 48; OAK GROVE 20; PHALTI 67; PRENTISS FIRST 135; SOCIETY HILL 52; VICTORY 17, and WHITESAND 28.

WMU Superintendent Helps Record

The Baptist Record is greatly indebted to many of the good WMU women for help in increasing our circulation list to almost 35,000 weekly.

Recently Mrs. Jesse W. McGehee, WMU superintendent in Pearl River Association, went to McNeill church to assist in organizing a Woman's Missionary Society. She writes: "I was in the McNeill Baptist Church to organize a Woman's Missionary Society. They also wanted The Baptist Record and I am very happy to send the inclosed list to you." Let this be a hint to many other WMU superintendents.

Pearl River county now has Record readers as follows: BETHHEL 38; Carrere 2; CORINTH 59; GAINESVILLE 12; GOODYEAR 37; JUNIPER GROVE 51; NAPOLEON 29; NEW PALESTINE 20; NICHOLSON 18; PICAYUNE FIRST 228; PINE GROVE 60; POP-LARVILLE 185; ROSELAND PARK 21; UNION 70; Spring Hill 1, and McNeill 3.

Pastor Appreciates EVERY FAMILY Plan

We are glad that both Lyen and Jonestown churches have the EVERY

FAMILY Plan. It helps our people to be informed about our work and The Baptist Record does keep them informed.—A. Estus Mason.

One of Mississippi's best Associations is the Lebanon, composed of Forrest, Lamar and Stone counties. Zion Hill church and Pastor H. L. Davis did a perfect job of entertaining the Association. We have never seen as much fried chicken in one container as we saw there.

Officers elected were: Dr. I. E. Rouse, moderator; G. W. Coursey, clerk; T. C. Hobby, treasurer.

The sermon, which was one of the best we have heard this fall, was preached by T. D. Brown, pastor of First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg. The Scripture read by Dr. Brown was as impressive, if not the most impressive, that we have ever heard.

We cannot refrain from calling attention to the fact that every church mentioned in the W. M. U. report as having done some form of outstanding work was an EVERY FAMILY Plan church.

Lebanon Association has Record readers as follows: BROOKLYN 19; CENTRAL 53; GLENDALE 34; HATTIESBURG FIRST 461; FIFTH AVENUE 164; THIRTY-EIGHTH AVENUE 63; Immanuel 7; McLaurin 1; Macedonia 7; MAIN STREET 396; Maxie 1; PETAL 115; PROVIDENCE 31; RIVER AVENUE 59; ZION HILL 44; CATERVILLE 33; HICKORY GROVE 43; LUMBERTON 106; ORAL 39; PURVIS 72; RICHBURG 21; SUMRALL 35; CALVARY 11; BAXTERVILLE 25; MILITARY 22; New Hope 1; Greenville 3; Big Level 23; PERKINSTON 30; WIGGINS 95.

Maben is Number 652 on the EVERY FAMILY List

Judging the future by the past we felt certain that when Dewey Metts became pastor at Maben that the EVERY FAMILY Plan would soon be in operation. We are not disappointed. We have just received a letter from the pastor inclosing the EVERY FAMILY list.

The whole Baptist Record force is deeply grateful not only to Pastor Metts but to the great number of pastors over the state who have rendered helpful service since gasoline rationing has cramped our style.

What this good pastor has done, other pastors can. We hereby invite them to do so.

Pastor D. M. Metts now has the EVERY FAMILY Plan in operation in all his churches. Thus we again enroll him as a member of the 100% club.

Oktibbeha county has Record readers as follows: ADATON 18; BETHESDA 22; LONGVIEW 34; MABEN 39; Pleasant Ridge 4; Morgan Chapel 12; Starkville 15; Salem 1; State College 2; STURGIS 42; Wake Forest 10; EAST STARKVILLE 12.

To Those Who Hesitate

Monday morning, September 27, The Baptist Record received six EVERY FAMILY lists. They were: Biloxi First, Old Town (Calhoun county, Brazil (Tallahatchie county), Calvary (Carroll county), Camp Ground (Yalobusha county) and Lynn (Sunflower county).

Certainly there must be some merit in such a plan.

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WET PETITIONS BEING SENT TO CONGRESS

In a news report from St. Louis, Beverage Retail Weekly of August 9th it is stated:

"When Congress re-convenes after the summer vacation it will be confronted with a flood of wet petitions that should squelch the all-out petitioning of the drys which have been filling pages of The Congressional Record. The current wet drive was launched by the Anheuser-Busch Company of St. Louis, two weeks ago. The progress of the drive is indicated in the following letter which the company has addressed to all brewers in the United States.

"We know you will be interested to see the score of results to date of our Petitions Crusade against prohibition legislation.

"So far we have distributed or caused to be distributed 240,000 petition blanks.

"Our own distributors and men have accomplished the following:

"Completed petitions sent to Washington, 27,709.

"Signatures thereon, 649,714.

"Additional signatures expected on petitions being circulated, 308,050.

"It is safe to predict our own people will send more than a million signatures to Washington.

"From hundreds of letters received from brewers, distillers, vintners, dealers organizations and hosts of friends, among whom we have distributed many times the number of petition forms sent to our own organization, we know that the number of signatures that will reach Washington will more than double the number gathered by our own people.

"We confidently predict that 3,000,000 signatures or more, will reach Washington in this campaign by the time Congress re-convenes.

"This should effectively squelch the flow of petitions that has been going to Congress from dry organizations."

After you have read this, please ask yourself three questions and answer them for yourself—set down in parallel columns headed "Wets-Drys":

1st—Who wrote and circulated—The wet petitions? The dry petitions?

2nd—What do the petitioners stand or gain or lose—The wets? The drys?

3rd—Which petitions, if acted upon by Congress will best promote the public welfare and the war effort—The wets? The drys?

Then consider what you can do about it: Give publicity to these facts. Continue to circulate and send to Congress DRY petitions for S. 860 and H. R. 2082. Write personal letters to our senators and congressmen. Pray for Congress and the President to be guided in this matter and all their decisions by the Spirit of God.

Note: Use this in whatever way it will help our cause. Your ministerial group and church societies are interested in the outcome. Get it in the local paper if you can.—Susie V. Powell, president, Mississippi W. C. T. U.

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Stockholm (By Wireless)—Twenty Christian organizations in Sweden, composing a religious union known as Help the Victims of the War, expect shortly to get permission from Russia to work among German prisoners of war in the Soviet. After that, they think it possible that they will be allowed to work among Russian war prisoners in Germany.

COCKBURN URGES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN U. S. PUBLIC SCHOOLS

New York (RNS)—Urging that religious education be introduced into the public schools of the United States, Rev. Harold A. Cockburn declared here that such education will be essential for a lasting peace.

Mr. Cockburn made this statement in an interview with Religious News Service prior to his departure for Scotland after acting for more than eight months as liaison officer between the American and British Protestant churches.

"It is obvious from what we have seen in Germany," the British churchman said, "that a generation will act according to what it is taught, and unless a new generation is taught the principles of rectitude, that generation will not have the principles on which to sustain either a durable peace or democracy itself."

"Separate an issue from God, and democracy dies. Cut out God and you lose freedom, honesty, justice and mercy. Somehow or other in this country religious education must get into the public schools."

Mr. Cockburn said the British government is keenly alive to the importance of religion in the post-war world and that Great Britain's solution of this problem is being watched by church leaders in the United States.

"In making religious education one plank in his proposed four-year plan for post-war England," he stated, "Mr. Churchill is recognizing the truth that the post-war world must be built upon Christian principles if the just and enduring peace we seek is to be realized."

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To My Son
WILLIE F. STRINGER
Somewhere in the Pacific

I PRAY FOR YOU

I pray for you, dear son, each night and day;

Although you are far away.
My thoughts surround you both night and day.

I pray that wherever you have to go, Divine protection you will always know.

I pray for you because, son, you are so dear to me,
While on land or the deep blue sea.
I ask that angels may guard you in each place,
From all the perils you may have to face.

Dear son my ever thought is a prayer.
That God will bless and keep you in His care.
I ask that safely you'll return to us,
When peace and victory is ours.

By Mother,
MRS. E. B. STRINGER,
Rt. 3, Sumrall, Miss.

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We had Rev. O. P. Estes for our meeting at Utica July 25th through August 1st. His preaching and singing were a blessing to our people. The attendance was good. A large part of our members are handicapped for transportation. But there was a revival here that will continue for a long time. Our people fell deeply in love with Brother Estes. About a dozen additions during the meeting.—Owen Williams.

Montreat, N. C.—Doubt that the war is bringing about a revival of religion in the United States was expressed at the annual ministers' forum of the Southern Presbyterian church here. Dr. C. Grier Davis of Asheville, N. C., told the forum that people pray to God to save them when war news is gloomy but that the "majority of our people lose their fear, and the inner corruption of our nation reappears" when the tide of battle changes for the better. "Can it be," asked Dr. Davis, "that we live in a nation that wants God to save it, but has no desire to be purified in the fires of His holiness? The hope of the world," the speaker declared, "is that in every land—in the Allied nations, in the occupied nations, in Germany and Italy and Japan—there are those who have genuinely turned to God and have been purified in the fires of His holiness, and are praying and waiting for the day of deliverance."

From June 23rd through July 2nd the pastor of the church at Wilmer, Ala., gave me the privilege of preaching twice each day in their meeting. The weather was hot, and there were many rains, but most of the folks who were not working in the defense plants in Mobile came. The folks received us with every courtesy, and were kind enough to say many nice things, and that the meeting was a good one. It was a happy privilege to be with an old friend, Earl Brooks, again. Money is being saved for a new church building, and some work has already been done.—Owen Williams.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"Give instruction to a wise man and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding."—Proverbs 9:9-10.

... And pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.—Malachi 3:10.

During 1942, after paying war taxes and higher living costs, the people of the United States saved \$26 billion. During 1943, savings will jump to \$40 billion. And should the war continue through 1944, the savings since Pearl Harbor will reach the staggering total

Dear Individual Baptist

Has God blessed you this year?
Have you made your gift to the Blue Mountain College endowment?

of \$120 billion, the U. S. Department of Commerce states.

Bank deposits have soared from \$68 billion in 1939 to over \$100 billion in 1942—an increase of 45% in 3 years.

Throughout the 1920's there was about \$4 billion in money in circulation. Even at the peak of hoarding in 1933 there was less than \$8 billion. Today the total is an amazing \$18 billion.

In the hey-day of 1929 our national income topped \$83 billion. At the depth of the depression in 1932 it was less than \$40 billion. War preparations

CHURCH TREASURERS

Send all cash, checks, bonds, and stamps to D. A. McCall, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi, indicating they are for the Blue Mountain College endowment fund. Thus your church will receive credit on the convention board books. Bro. McCall's office will remit to Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, Endowment Treasurer, at Blue Mountain.

"IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE"

-THAT THE RADIO INDUSTRY DOES NOT REALIZE THAT ALL OBJECTIONABLE ADVERTISING ON THE AIR MENACES IT'S VALUE FOR SPONSORS AND ACCEPTANCE IN THE HOME!

AND NOW MY FRIENDS,
YOU CAN HAVE THE BEST
IN BEER, WINE, ETC.
JUST PHONE—



LAMBERT BAPTISTS ARE DEBT FREE

The Lambert Baptist Church recently held a special service for the purpose of raising the remaining amount owed on the pastor's home. The pastor's home was bought and paid for within one year's time, an achievement of which the church is duly proud. This church plant is one of which any small town could be proud: a church building valued at \$33,000 and a pastor's home valued at \$5,000, with no indebtedness. This year's report to the association will show approximately a 100% increase over the report of last year. Our people keep busy for the Lord.

D. C. ASHFORD,
Chairman of Board of Deacons.

Concord, N. H.—(RNS)—In the opinion of Dr. Robert G. Armstrong, secretary of the New Hampshire Congregational-Christian Conference, the church sexton has gone unsung long enough. Therefore as the conference official organ, The Record, resumes publication after the summer vacation he editorially extols the virtues of the men who maintain a happy balance between "old ladies who can't stand drafts and young folks who want lots of fresh air." The secretary praises the sexton's unfailing devotion to duty; his willingness to arise at early hours and to work late; and concludes by assuring him several extra-special stars in his crown in the Hereafter.

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OVERFLOWING MEASURES

in 1941 pushed national income up to nearly \$95 billion. In 1942 it was \$113 billion. In 1943 national income is soaring to between \$118 and \$135 billion.

And net national income is even greater. War-time income is up about 100% over 1938. The cost of living is up only 26%. In 1942 retail sales ate up only 50% instead of the usual 60% of the national income. War taxes, while high and going higher, leave many billions in the national pocket, the so-called "inflationary gap."

As a discriminating testimony to the indispensable function of American religious, educational, health, and charitable activities, the Treasury Department exempts from taxation such contributions up to 5% of a corporation's net income and up to 15% of the net income of an individual.

With current war taxes of 20% to 88% for individuals, and 27% to 81%

Help Your City and County Raise Their Bond Quotas

Donate to Blue Mountain College and give a Series "G" war bond. The "G" bond should be made out as follows, to: "Blue Mountain College, a Corporation." Series "E" bonds cannot be made to the College.

Those who want to donate a series "E" bond, give the College stamps instead—\$18.75 in stamps for a \$25.00 bond, or \$37.50 in stamps for a \$50.00 bond, and the endowment treasurer will exchange the stamps for Series "G" bonds.

By giving a bond or stamps you:
(1) Contribute to the Blue Mountain College endowment fund.
(2) Help your city and county raise their Bond quotas.
(3) Help your country in its war effort.
(4) Help to advance the frontiers of Christian education.

GOD'S STEWARDS

If you have any uninvested tithe money on hand, the Blue Mountain College Endowment Fund would be a fine place to put it. Buy a war bond with it if you desire and give the bond to Blue Mountain College; thus you will be helping our country in its war effort, contributing to the preservation of religious freedom, advancing the cause of Christian education, and helping your city and county attain their war bond quotas.

for corporations, contributions are encouraged and rewarded by the lowest net cost of giving ever known in our history. Thus many corporations can contribute \$1,000 at a final cost to them of only \$190. Many individuals can donate \$4,000 at a final cost to them of only \$1200, or \$2000 at a cost of \$800.

Mississippi is largely an agricultural state. In the United States, farmers' cash income is up from an estimated \$9,100,000 in 1940 to more than \$19,000,000 this year, while farm mortgages have declined from a high of \$13,000,000,000 in 1923 to \$7,800,000,000 in 1940 and are expected to drop between \$6,500,000,000 and \$6,000,000,000 this year.

God has blessed the effort made to obtain the Blue Mountain College endowment fund. The goal is \$200,000. To date, \$112,900 has been given. Fifty-six per cent of the goal has been obtained from one per cent of the Baptists of Mississippi, and sixteen per cent of the churches.

Has God blessed your church? Can it join the churches that have given one thousand dollars as a thank offering?

Mississippi Baptists believe in Blue Mountain College and for what it stands. This is proven by the fact that they have entrusted their daughters to this Christian school, thus contributing to another overflow enrollment. The task at hand is to complete the \$200,000 endowment fund in September, October, and November.

HEART AND PURSE

"We all might do more than we have done,

And not be one whit the worse;
It never was loving that emptied the heart,
Nor giving that emptied the purse."

Two hundred sixty-four churches contributed \$22,900 in the June offering.

Every one of the 1600 Baptist churches in the state believes in Christian education, of which the Word of God is the textbook, and of which the Great Commission is the major course. It is believed that the 1336 churches that have not yet contributed will make offerings in September, October, and November.

YOUR CHURCH

Has God blessed your church this year?

Do you feel that your church could join the churches that have given \$1000 to the Blue Mountain College endowment?

Only one per cent of the individual Baptists of the State have donated. It is not unreasonable to expect that from the other 267,200 Baptists will come the \$87,100 needed.

Let's finish the job in the next three months. How many churches will make offerings in September and October?

FRANK L. FAIR, General Chairman
LAWRENCE T. LOWREY, Treasurer

CORPORATIONS

Pastors and people, remind the corporations in your localities that the present Federal income tax law exempts from taxation gifts made to educational institutions up to 5% of the net income of corporations.

Tell them Blue Mountain College is in a campaign to raise \$200,000 necessary additional endowment.

Ask them if they would like to make a contribution to the fund.

**SOME BAPTIST FUNDAMENTALS
OBSERVED IN THEIR COOPERATION
IN THE EXTENSION
OF THE KINGDOM**

J. W. Lee

First: Each local Baptist church is separate and independent with Christ as its head and is responsible to its head and to its head only.

It follows, therefore, that no man or any organization of men possesses the least degree of authority over the least local Baptist church. It follows also that a Baptist church is the biggest ecclesiastical body on earth.

Second: Each Baptist church can of its own sovereign choice voluntarily cooperate with other Baptist churches and Baptist bodies in the work of Christ's Kingdom without surrendering its sovereign right of self-government. This is because each church has the same head—Christ—and the same rule of faith and conduct, viz: The New Testament.

Third: Growing out of the two fundamentals mentioned above is the third fundamental. Viz: Voluntary cooperation without centralization.

Mississippi Baptists and Their Cooperation

Most Mississippi Baptists have worked together in sweet, Christian fellowship, beautiful Christian harmony and unity. In doing so, they have accomplished great things in spite of the fact that no individual has any authority over any other individual, no church has any authority over any other church, and no Association has any authority over any other Association or church. We have had no human head to rule over us and no human organization to make laws for us in the cooperation of one individual with another individual, one church with another church and one Association with another Association.

We have organized many associations through which we have voluntarily cooperated as individual Christians and individual churches in promoting the work of the Kingdom. In the constitution of these associations we declare that these organizations have no authority to bind the conscience of the individual nor exercise any authority over the churches thus positively declaring and scrupulously preserving Baptist fundamentals, and yet working together in perfect harmony and accomplishing under God, great things. The generation of Mississippi Baptists preceding my generation felt the need of an organization through which greater things might be accomplished than could possibly be accomplished by one Association or a small group of Associations. Hence the Baptist State Convention came into existence. A constitution was written and adopted as a basis for voluntary cooperation and at the same time preserving the Baptist fundamentals of the independence of the associations and the sovereignty of the churches. As we read this Constitution we find in Article I the name of the organization is given. Article II defines its objects and what it intends to promote. Article II says: "The equal rights and independence of the churches are fully recognized and shall be scrupulously observed. The Convention shall not possess or attempt to exercise any power or authority over any church or association and is irrevocably committed to the cardinal principle that every church

is sovereign."

Article IV says: "The Convention shall be composed of messengers from regular white Baptist churches in Mississippi in harmony and cooperation with the purposes of the convention." Now is it not singular that the writers of the Constitution declared that "the Convention shall not possess or attempt to exercise any power or authority over any church or association" before they stated who should compose the Convention?

Was this a mere coincidence? Were Articles III and IV written without any consideration of their relative significance or importance? Certainly not. The writers knew what they were doing and why they were doing it.

They intentionally declared the limitation of authority of the Convention before saying who should compose the body. They deliberately put these articles in the order of their relative importance.

The Application of the Above

At the last session of the Convention, section eleven of the by-laws was so amended as to limit to nine years the time any one person shall hold membership on the State Mission Board. As this Board is composed of members nominated by Association (see Article VII) the act of the Convention limiting their time of membership was a violation of Article III and therefore unconstitutional.

The author of the amendment, referred to above, contends that it is not unconstitutional.

For argument's sake (and argument's sake only) I will admit he is correct.

A Step in the Wrong Direction

If the Convention has the constitutional authority to say to an Association: "If you want representation on the State Board you must not nominate your representative for more than three terms of three years each. If you do we will reject your nominee," it follows beyond question that the Convention has constitutional authority to say to the churches: "If you want your messengers seated in our body you must not elect any one messenger for more than nine consecutive years. If you do, we will not seat said messenger."

An order to Associations will be followed sooner or later by orders to churches as sure as the day follows the night. One step in the wrong direction will surely lead to more steps in the wrong direction. A bullet deflected from a straight line continues to get farther from the straight line the farther it goes.

A camel, if allowed to put his head in the tent door will soon be inside the tent with his whole body. Yes it is a step in the wrong direction even if it is constitutional.

A Distribution of Honors and Responsibility

It has been hinted that honors should be passed around. Passing honors is not the purpose and objects of the Convention.

The objects and purposes of the Convention are given in Article II. The passing of honors is therefore a violation of the spirit if not the letter of Article II.

If it is argued that the amendment referred to distributes the burden and responsibilities, the answer is, that such an argument, if valid, will inevitably lead, every few years, to a change in our secretaries (both

CHAPLAIN BROWN REACHES ENGLAND

Just a line or two of greeting in the Lord from this side of the Atlantic. This is somewhere in England, and I am to make my first trip to London in the very near future for a permanent assignment. I have been pinch-hitting for the post chaplain at this station for a few days.

I guess it is the usual thing to say "I wish you were here," but really it is quite an experience. We left Grand Rapids June 12. Ruby and I rode as far as Chicago together, and I went ahead to report in to Jefferson Barracks, and she waited there for a cadet and his wife, Ed and Lila Wade, very good friends of ours, who drove our Ford home, for they just happened to get a furlough at this time. That was undoubtedly providence working in our behalf.

Twelve chaplains—casuals—made up our shipment, which was composed of different faiths, and I, as senior chaplain, was made leader more or less. We held services on the train going with a large group of enlisted men from J. B. to —. Also we had the privilege of talking to many of these men personally. Undoubtedly the reluctance on the part of some to talk about eternal issues breaks down

executive and recording) and all the heads of our institutions, viz: Orphanage, Hospital and Colleges.

Granting again for argument's sake that the amendment is constitutional, it will if followed to its legitimate and logical conclusion revolutionize the Convention and its part method of doing the work the Convention has committed itself to do.

If Constitutional, Is It Wise?

Mississippi Baptists have worked together in much harmony for a long time under our present methods and order. The Lord has abundantly blessed our cooperative efforts.

After so many years of successful work under our present order is it wise to revolutionize the whole order by a majority of only two (38 to 36) even though we have the constitutional authority to do so?

What Should Be a Valid Reason For Revolutionizing the State Board?

The Convention Board has full charge of all the work of the annual meetings of the Convention during the interim of the annual meetings of the Convention. See Article VII. If there is no good reason for changing the membership of the Convention every nine years what good reason can be given for changing the membership of the State Board every nine years?

In reality the State Board is the Convention during the interim of the annual sessions of the Convention. Has the State Board failed to function properly? If so, nobody has said so out loud. If the members have proven faithful and efficient what good can be accomplished by removing them?

If they have failed in their duties can their failure be charged to the length of time some of them have been on the Board?

If they have failed, can the failure be remedied by limiting their time of service?

Now that I have conceded (for argument's sake only) that the amendment is constitutional, let those who favor it give their reasons for doing so.

COFFIN ASKS HULL TO NOTIFY ITALIAN PROTESTANTS

Philadelphia (RNS)—A request that the head of the Waldensian Church (Protestant) in Italy be notified regarding the intention of Allied bombers to respect church property has been sent to Secretary of State Cordell Hull by Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Noting that President Roosevelt had informed Pope Pius that the United Nations would respect the interests of the Roman Catholic Church, Dr. Coffin said:

"If in future references to Italy some similar communication could be made to the moderator of the Waldensian Church—as was made to the pope, it would do away with the seeming stress upon one communion to the exclusion of others; granted of course that it is much less numerous, a rather factional group, it has repercussions in this country because of the Protestant sentiment here, and it would be so simple to send them word concerning church properties at the same time that word is sent to the pope."

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Dr. William Allen White, of the Emporia Gazette, Emporia, Kans., is the author of the following sensible words: "Ration food, if you will. Ration coffee. Freeze the price of milk. Put a farmer in jail for selling the hind quarter of a beef killed on his own feed lot. Do anything in the wide world, under the star-spangled dome of heaven to win this war. But if you touch liquor, you are just a wall-eyed, crepe-hanging fanatic."—Watchman-Examiner.

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as they come nearer to the front. More and more the opportunity presents itself of introducing men to the Lamb of God "that takes away the sin of the world."

The journey across the Atlantic was very nice, and I believe everyone enjoyed it without getting seasick. Very unusual, don't you think? We saw several whales, and schools of little porpoises putting on shows just for our amusement it seemed, for they followed the boat some distance.

Upon arriving in England, we were allowed to take a trip into Scotland, where we saw large apartments crowded with children waving wildly to us as if we were really somebody. We heard some real Scottish bagpipe music. The landscape was very pretty, with the rolling hills of smooth green pastures, many herds of cattle and sheep, fields of potatoes, cabbage and truck, and winding low stone fences. Timber has mostly been cut away, but much of it has been replaced by replanting.

I realize this letter is rather general, but it is enough to tell you that my thoughts are with you dear friends there, and that you are definitely on my prayer list. I am sure you will include me on yours. We ask or think—but we must ask. My, how this old world needs what you and I have to give—the gospel of our Lord Jesus, of salvation, of love, freedom from sin, and permanent peace. Pray God we don't fail in giving it this gospel.

Heaven's blessings on you.

Sincerely,

WILLIS BROWN.

Phil. 1:3; 4:19.

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BATESVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
J. W. Lee, Pastor
Batesville, Mississippi
September 21, 1943

"Eld. D. A. McCall, D.D.,
Jackson, Mississippi

"My dear Brother McCall:

"If you heard a noise up here in North Mississippi last Saturday morning that you could not quite understand, I want to say I was shouting loud enough for you to hear me, over the good news that you are going to retire all our remaining bonds December 1st.

"When I first read the news I thought I must be dreaming. When I satisfied myself thoroughly that I was really awake, I began my shouting and am not through rejoicing yet.

"Nothing has happened in our denominational life in many years that has given me quite as much pleasure.

"We can now get off the side track on to the main line of our Convention work.

"The sun has come from behind the cloud and is shining brightly once more.

"I congratulate you and all others who have made the happy event possible.

"Yours in the Saviour's
Name and Cause,

"BRO. LEE."

(NOTE: The Education Commission only authorized the calling of these bonds if and when the money is in sight. It remains for MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS to see to it that the money comes along. We do not promise a lot of wisdom and other things in conducting the affairs of this office.

(WE DO PLEDGE AN HONEST WORK—putting EVERY dollar to the purpose requested by the donor.

(Brother Lee's joy is typical of the joy that will belong to all of us when this debt refunding task is done.—D. A. Mc.)

II

We have taken up the \$25,000 note at the bank which was made in the last bond call. That leaves us with bonds outstanding in the amount of \$156,500 net. The Education Commission instructed us to call \$104,000 of these this fall, and authorized the calling of the total sum if money is available. This means other steps taken on the road to VICTORY! Mississippi Baptists are seeing to that. Let us finish this matter speedily!

III

WE NEED TO:

1. Press debt paying in churches, associations, and personally.
2. Set a day, as October 29, 1944, or a month as June 1944—every church and EVERY BAPTIST make an offering.
3. Get out of debt.
4. Stay out of debt.
5. Present Victory Book—summary of Now Club—as statistical section of the Annual in 1944.

IV

A Great Day Coming

Southwide: The Foreign Mission Board is out of debt. Dr. Jenkins, president of the Board, says they are

to "stay out" of debt. At one time they owed \$1,800,000, paying annual interest in the amount of \$108,000. What a March to Victory they have staged! Out of debt! OUT to STAY OUT!

The Home Mission Board was the second Southwide institution to get out of debt. The Southern Baptist Hospital came next. Then in quick order Baptist Bible Institute was clear of indebtedness.

All others will be out by December, 1943.

STATEWIDE: The Mississippi Baptist State Mission Department has always, so far as we know, been clear of debt. So far as we know Mississippi College has no internal debt. Blue Mountain College owes less than the Education Commission owes her. The other institutions should and will easily care for their indebtedness within set limits. The largest debt is carried by the Education Commission. We confidently expect this debt to be cared for by the time of the Convention, November 1944.

"WHAT A DAY OF REJOICING THAT WILL BE!"

Many Baptists of this generation have not known what it means to have a denomination free of debt. By the grace of God, and our gifts, let us present Him and them with a debtless denomination!

Then, let us use God's Plan—tithes and offerings—PAY AS YOU GO!

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GEORGE B. CARTER

George B. Carter, a faithful member of Indian Springs Baptist Church, Perry county, departed this life July 29, 1943. He leaves his wife, one daughter, three sons, and a sister.

Mr. Carter had spent his entire life in this community. He had served as church clerk for a number of years, and also served as Sunday school superintendent and teacher of the Adult Bible class.

Before his death, he had suffered for a number of months, but he bore his suffering with great fortitude.

In the death of Mr. Carter, the community has lost one of its most highly respected citizens, our church one of its most consecrated members. He was deeply interested in every progressive movement in church activities. He was kind and considerate of others, and was ever ready to lend a helping hand to those in need, to speak a word of comfort to the sad and discouraged. He will be greatly missed in the home and community.

Let us say in the words of the Psalmist: "Lord Thou gavest him the shield of Thy salvation, and Thy right hand led him from out of this vale of sorrow into the peace and joy of eternal life."—A Friend.

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The First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, is now completely out of debt, with a substantial surplus in the treasury, for the first time within the memory of the oldest members. In 1927, when the new educational building was erected, the debt was \$140,000. Since that time the church has paid \$72,250.54 in interest. From now on, according to the chairman of the board of deacons, Dr. John L. Hill, the church will operate on a cash basis. In due form, the building will be dedicated soon.

Joseph Roberson Haworth arrived on August 2 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. Swan Haworth, Vicksburg, Miss. Before coming to Vicksburg Dr. Haworth was pastor of the Fourth Avenue church of Louisville, Ky.

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Blatant and widespread as are the preachers of rationalism, materialistic philosophy, and infidelity today, not one of the champions of unbelief has been indiscreet enough to accept the following challenge of James Russell Lowell, which he voiced in the following lines:

"When the microscopic search of skepticism, which has hunted the heavens and sounded the seas to disprove the existence of a Creator, has turned its attention to human society and has found a place on this planet, ten miles square, where a decent man can live in decency, comfort, and security, supporting and educating his children unspoiled and unpolluted; a place where age is rever-

enced, womanhood defended, and human life held in due regard; when skepticism can find such a place ten miles square on the globe where the gospel of Christ has not gone and cleared the way and laid the foundations and made decency and security possible, it will then be in order for the skeptical literati to move thither and ventilate their views. But so long as these very men are dependent upon the religion they discard for every privilege they enjoy, they may well hesitate a little before they seek to rob the Christian of his hope and humanity of its Saviour."—Frank E. Skilton.

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Mail Christmas packages to soldiers overseas before October 15.

A SOUND INVESTMENT FOR SURPLUS FUNDS

Sure Protection for Life An Enduring Memorial After Death

These advantages may be secured through annuity contracts with any of the institutions or causes named below. Contracts with any of them are safe. They have never defaulted. They represent large financial responsibility. The good faith of Baptists are behind the contracts.

WHAT IS AN ANNUITY CONTRACT

It is a written, binding agreement whereby in consideration of a gift of money the institution obligates itself as long as you live, (or until the survivor of a husband and wife dies if so desired) annually, semi-annually or quarterly to pay you a definite fixed amount. Upon death the obligation to pay the fixed amount ceases, and you may direct that the money become a part of the permanent endowment of the institution or be used by it otherwise as may be provided in the agreement.

ADVANTAGES OF ANNUITY CONTRACTS

1. In consideration of the gift of money the institution can afford to provide you a larger regular, steady income than you can secure from other safe investments.

2. You are relieved of all investment worries and problems. At the stated periods you regularly receive a check for the income due you.

3. Afford you complete protection for life and at the same time enable you to make a gift to the institution of your choice, giving you assurance during your life that ultimately and forever your money will be serving in the Master's cause. Though dead you will yet live in good works.

4. Relieve your estate of inheritance and estate taxes, thus in effect providing that your money will be used to serve rather than be consumed in the payment of taxes.

5. Afford an opportunity to establish a worthy memorial either for yourself or a loved one. According to the institution you select your money through all future years will be feeding the orphan, bringing healing to the sick, education to the youth, training of young preachers in our Seminaries, and support to aged ministers in their last days.

Write the Baptist Bequest Committee, Box 896, Jackson, Mississippi, or any of the following for further information as to annuities.

Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss.

Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Miss.

Miss. Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, Miss.

Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La.

Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, Texas.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas

Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La.

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

October—State Missions

Yes, this is October.
The first month of the new Sunday school year.

The special fall month for Sunday school training and enlargement.

The month of State Missions in the Sunday school—Sunday, October 24.

The month to begin working on the department and class standards, for they begin anew with October.

Sunday, October 24, is State Mission Day in the Sunday school. This is the only day of the entire year that the special emphasis is given to State Missions alone. Start now to plan for it and make it a great day, both educationally and financially.

On pages 32 and 33 of the October issue of the Sunday School Builder is the special program for State Mission Day. Use it in your school, Brother Superintendent.

Please mail to Dr. D. A. McCall, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., your State Mission offering.

Installation Service Program

Ever so often we are asked for a special installation service for officers and teachers, especially of organized classes in the Young People's and Adult departments.

On page 7 of the October issue of the Young People's and Adult magazine is a very splendid installation program, prepared by Mrs. J. W. Storer. The title of the program is "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Mt. Oral

The Sunday school of the Mt. Oral Baptist Church, Jones Association, Dr. Bryan Simmons, pastor, Mr. Ezra Warren, superintendent, is standard for the first time in the history of that church. Congratulations to pastor and people on this most worthy achievement.

Lee Association

The Lee County Association has made a most splendid record this year in Vacation Bible schools. The Vacation Bible school superintendent of the association is Rev. D. D. Satterwhite, one of the Tupelo pastors. He, along with Mr. C. L. Bucy, the associational Sunday school superintendent, and others have promoted 16 Vacation Bible schools this year.

This is a most splendid record and means that Lee Association is going to be close to the top in the number of Vacation Bible schools for 1943.

Our sincerest thanks, Brother Satterwhite, and all others who have had any part in promoting these splendid schools that mean so much to the spiritual welfare of our boys and girls.

Five Are Out

In the September 9 issue of The Baptist Record we ran in this column a statement of the 13 associations that up to that time had not reported any Sunday school training awards for this year, and the 13 that had also not reported a Vacation Bible school. They were not the 13 in each case, but several of them were in both groups.

We are happy to report that since then George and Prentiss Associations have sent in reports on Sunday school awards, and Carroll, Perry and

Yalobusha have sent in Vacation Bible school reports, thus taking them out of the unreported group.

We are now getting mighty close to making it 100% this year in both these items, since, at this writing, there are only 11 associations not reporting training awards, and only 10 not reporting a Vacation Bible school. Most of these, if not all of them, will come in with reports yet. We hope they will do it at an early date so that we may have all this information by the time of our report for the State Convention in Jackson, November 16-18.

Home Cooperation Week

Sunday school workers with children have for many years realized the blessings and benefits of a close cooperation between the home and the church. This is certainly in order, for the home and the church need to work together in order to reach and bless every member of the home.

For several years a special time has been set apart in many Baptist churches for the observance of Home Cooperation Week. This year in consideration of many circumstances a new plan is suggested for this special emphasis. Many Baptist churches will hold Sunday school training schools in October. This will give an opportunity for the study of the work of the children in the school in an effort toward closer home and school cooperation. When the plans for the training school are made, the workers with the children may also advise with the pastor and superintendent, encouraging that the Home Cooperation emphasis be included in the week of training and promotion.

The Sunday School Builder and other publications will carry suggestions for the week. Home Cooperation Week can be a great part of the school program.

Good Reports

Mr. J. M. Harvey, associational Sunday school superintendent of Zion Association, reports eight study courses and ten Vacation Bible schools with an enrollment in the Bible schools of 441, average attendance of 341, with 22 conversions.

Mr. W. A. Moody, superintendent of the Fifth Avenue school, Hattiesburg, states that during August they had 60 workers who made 509 visits, 521 telephone calls, sent 284 cards and letters, a total of 1,314 contacts, resulting in 11 new members and two won to Christ. They plan to work for the Advanced Standard in 1944.

Reports like these are indeed encouraging. Hard work always pays.

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PENITENTIARY CHAPLAIN MAKES REPORT**Gentlemen:**

Comparing the current biennial report with the one prior to this, we are pleased to note gratifying developments in several phases of the religious activities, viz:

A fine spirit of cooperation with the chaplain on the part of employees and prisoners at all services for the twenty-one units.

A growing interest in the use of

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES
By Dr. Chester M. Savage**Called and Accepted**

E. F. Hicks, Waynesboro, Miss.
Troy A. Sumrall, Purvis, Miss.
Joe Sullivan, Okeene, Okla.
L. E. Stith, Phoenix Avenue, Tulsa, Okla.

L. L. Scott, Nicoma Park, Okla.
M. Glenn Smith, Oakvale, Lawrence county, Miss.
Marvin V. McKinster, Ellisville, Miss.
R. A. Eddleman, Benton, Miss.
F. H. Miller, West Side, Macon, Miss.
A. R. Greene, Warwick, Ga.
C. W. Rector, Rochelle, Ga.
J. W. Jolly, Early Branch, N. C.
C. H. Curb, Pioneer, Oklahoma City, Okla.

C. A. Butler, Cee Vee, Texas.
H. M. Rice, 2nd, Waxahatchie, Tex.
Charles E. Rodgers, Vero Beach, Fla.
Frank C. Morgan, South, Miami, Fla.

Garland Hendricks, Olive Chapel, N. C.

J. H. Clay, Mt. Pleasant, S. C.
Charles M. Renno, Glen Echo, St. Louis, Mo.

Dan R. Gott, Hopkins, Mo.
M. A. Yancey, Ola, Ark.
J. B. Hester, Ida, La.

Resigned

Troy A. Sumrall, Tipton, Okla.
Joe Sullivan, 2nd, Okmulgee, Okla.
L. E. Stith, Cleveland, Okla.
L. L. Scott, Covington, Okla.
Joe Baker, Stilwell, Okla.

Marvin V. McKinster, Crowder, Miss.

R. A. Eddleman, Hardy, Miss.
Harry Hannah, West Side, Macon, Miss.

C. C. Eiland, Summerdale, Ala.
Roy Fincher, Eden, Ala.
Louis White, Montgomery, La.
Garland Hendricks, Knightdale, N. C.

J. P. Kirk, Western Avenue, Statesville, N. C.
Woodrow Brister, Moody, Texas.
Charles E. Rodgers, Bayshore, Tampa, Fla.

E. F. Hicks, Selmer, Tennessee.

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wholesome literature distributed by the chaplain after his careful selection of that which is best suited to the respective camps.

Hundreds of professions of faith in Christ and a manifest desire to live a better life.

A remarkable interest by friends of prison work who live in many states as evidenced by their gifts of tracts, leaflets, magazines, gospels, religious calendars, etc.; also communications from social workers whose interests follow those with whom they have labored.

Statistics Are as Follows:

Bermons preached -----	514
Visits to hospitals -----	831
Prayers with sick -----	652
Visits to camps -----	993
Prisoners talked to as to their spiritual condition -----	996
Bibles, Testaments and magazines distributed -----	11,195

To you and to all who have made our work a pleasure, we extend sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,
A. L. O'BRIANT, Chaplain.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE FACULTY RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, Prof. J. R. Hitt has found it necessary because of failing health to offer his resignation to Mississippi College as professor of mathematics, and

WHEREAS he is one of the oldest faculty members in point of service, and one of the most consecrated Christians, and

WHEREAS his gentle manners and lovable personality have had such an uplifting influence on faculty and students, Therefore, Be it Resolved:

FIRST, That it is the feeling of the faculty of Mississippi College that it has lost one of the most faithful and popular and respected members, and that it feels the loss keenly.

SECOND, That the faculty express its appreciation for this long and faithful service, and for the benign influence which he has exerted on the college family and the citizens of the town and community.

THIRD, That it is the hope and prayer of every faculty member that his health may rapidly improve and that he may be spared many years of usefulness and happiness.

FOURTH, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the faculty minutes and that a copy be sent to The Baptist Record for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
DR. A. A. KITCHINGS,
DR. A. E. WOOD,
DEAN M. P. L. BERRY,
Committee.

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE SOUTH-EAST MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, Dr. M. O. Patterson, with the backing of a challenging career as pastor and evangelist, rendered most efficient service for about twenty-five years at Mississippi College; and

WHEREAS we believe it will be rendering "honor to whom honor is due," placing a definite stamp on the importance of the rightful teaching of the Bible in our colleges, and adding stability to Christian Education; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the South-East Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference,

First, That it endorse and pledge its co-operation with any practical movement to ENDOW THE CHAIR OF BIBLE AND EVANGELISM AT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AS A MEMORIAL TO DR. M. O. PATTERSON;

Second, That the Conference petition the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College to endorse said proposition;

Third, That the Conference ask the Mississippi College Alumni Association to endorse this proposition and, if deemed at all practical, to assume responsibility for its promotion;

Fourth, That the Conference hereby throw out a challenge to all former students of Dr. Patterson, all former Mississippi College students, all friends of Mississippi College, and all Mississippi Baptists generally to rally to this effort to stabilize Christian Education, place the stamp of approval on the rightful teaching of the Bible, and fittingly memorialize the life and works of this noble teacher of preachers and others through the past quarter of a century;

Fifth, That the Conference urge that any movement looking to the accomplishment of such worthy ends be so launched and conducted as not to interfere with our debt-paying endeavor or the Blue Mountain College Endowment Program;

Sixth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to The Baptist Record for publication, one to the Trustees of Mississippi College, one to the Alumni Association, and to each Baptist Pastors' Conference in Mississippi.

Adopted by the South-East Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference in session the 20th day of September, 1943.

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. HOLCOMB, President,
J. T. CARTER, Secretary.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

THE CHRIST AND THE COMMANDMENTS

Bible Texas: Matthew 5:17-20; 19:16-22 John 5:39, 40

I. Christ's Relation to the Law. Matt. 5:17, 18.

"Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets." He came to destroy neither the law nor the prophets. Many Jews regarded the books of Moses as being of more binding force than any other portion of the sacred writings. The Christ is here setting the stamp of His authority to the authenticity and force and abiding worth of the whole of the Old Testament. No part of the then existing scriptures was to be set aside. Josephus and the early Christian writers agree that any learned Jew of our Lord's time would understand "the scriptures," or "the law and the prophets," to mean a well known and well defined collection of sacred books, the whole Old Testament.

"I came not to destroy, but to fulfill." This statement did doubtless contradict what the Pharisees claimed to think of Him. They repeatedly accused Him of doing that which was not lawful, thus charging upon Him the crime of lawlessness. He did many things which, to them, appeared irregular, unorthodox, irreligious. He consorted with outcasts and sinners; He did not observe the elaborate distinctions between clean and unclean. He disregarded their oral tradition, which they held to be equal in authority to the written law; and He interpreted the written law according to its spirit, and not, as they did, according to its rigid letter. Above all, He spoke as if He Himself were an authority, independent of the law.

Some of His own followers may have thought that He proposed to supersede the law. There were, I should think, some people who heard Him and read into what He said a declaration that He was come to break down restraints, to lift from men's shoulders the duties which they considered as burdens. The law was full of commandments; the prophets were full of rebukes and warnings. There were likely those who thought this mild-mannered Rabbi had come to break down the law and the prophets, and so lead the way to a less exacting life. Men have always wanted the easy way, always sought the lax requirements, have always wanted to play the devil and still find a genial, indulgent God, who would excuse their excesses. That desire finds a lot of entertainment now, as witness the efforts on the part of the present-day heretics to seal the mouth of hell. Now, this is the delusion which the Lord set Himself to crush. The gospel of the kingdom is not a gospel of indulgence, but a gospel of exacting standards and compelling spirit.

"To fulfill." The law was a skeleton. He came to place vital organs within it, to stretch sinews upon it, to cover this with a fair and healthful skin and complexion, and then to breathe into it the breath of throbbing life. This last above all: He came to give it power in which to perform the

good works of God.

No man ever became good by conforming his outward conduct to the demands of a commandment. You do not change anybody by forcing him to conform. Hitler is learning that from a schoolroom as large as France, another as large as Italy, another as large as Norway, Poland, Holland, Greece. You must make a man willing before you can induce him really to obey, and you must give him the ability before he can perform in spirit and in reality.

Our Lord came to carry the letter of the law to the high plane of the spirit, to fix the real source of goodness in the will to do right. He does not mean taking the written law as it stands, and literally obeying it. That is what He condemns, not as wrong, but as wholly inadequate. He means rather, starting with it as it stands, and bringing it on to completeness; working out the spirit of it; getting the comprehensive principles which underlie the narrowness of the letter.

II. The Righteousness of the Pharisees
Inadequate. V. 20.

"Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees." How do you go about that? The Pharisees were the most righteous people on the earth. By their very name, they were the "separated," the holy, the pure. They were strict in their observance of the rules of clean living and of obedience to the letter of the law of the God of purity above all other people in the world. They were a most orderly and exacting people, and don't you forget it. The conduct of the orthodox Pharisee would set him blameless before the bar of any court, and would make him today a fit exemplar of the orderly walk before half the Baptist deacons of our Zion. Well, then, what was the matter with him? Why must I surpass him, if I shall in any wise "Enter into the kingdom of heaven"?

1. Pharaic righteousness was external.

It was the outward conformity to a good commandment. I think baptism is a good thing, but I think many people have been ducked by a preacher without being baptized; because the heart of the subject was not right with God. I know a case where one member of a couple was forced to go through with a ceremony, but that couple was not married: She was a princess of the House of Hapsburg and he is known as Napoleon the Great. A man may keep the law merely for the purpose of keeping out of jail, but that man is an outlaw at heart.

2. Pharaic righteousness was exclusive. It was bigoted. It consigned to hell all people outside of its own adherents. The Pharisee recognized two classes of people (a) Pharisees, (b) dogs.

3. Pharaic righteousness evaded essential righteousness.

"Righteousness!" That means "rightwise." That means "rightness." That means "right." That means "straight." A straight course is that which traverses the shortest distance, hence, there is no crookedness, no kinks, no loops, by means of which a sly head plotting the desires of a wicked heart seeks to gain its ends by devious means. God is right, not mainly because His doings are right, but because the well-spring of His do-

ings is right.

Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley
Soldiers, Sailors, Defense Projects Service

GERMAN PRISONERS—On a recent visit to the Clinton Internment Camp it was revealed that Capt. Gerrit H. Rientjes, chaplain at the Jackson Army Air Base, is making a contribution of his services to the prisoners of war interned near Clinton. The chaplain makes trips during the week to visit the sick and to minister to the well. Each Sunday with his assistants, Sgts. Ted Hertle and Harry Cunningham, organist at the air base, the chaplain conducts a Protestant religious service for this group in the prison compound. A German hymnal was secured for the purpose of making mimeographed copies of hymns to be distributed at the services. Several hundred of these men attend and most of them join heartily in singing familiar old German hymns.

The attitude of Christian American soldiers providing spiritual visits and help to Nazi prisoners of war should be appreciated by all Christian groups. "And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you."—I Cor. 9:23.

FOSTER GENERAL HOSPITAL—The rains which fell all day on a recent Saturday may have reduced the attendance at the Dedication Exercises of this four million dollar institution, but it did not dampen the spirit of the hundreds who did brave the elements, or those taking part on the program. The General Army Hospital is only one of eleven such hospitals in the Fourth Service Command with headquarters in Atlanta. The hospital is under the command of Col. Sam F. Parker, M. C., and is a fitting memorial to the late Col. Chas. Foster, a graduate of Mississippi College, class of 1896. Col. Foster's father, Rev. L. S. Foster, started the present Baptist Orphanage in Jackson during the year of 1894. Rev. Foster was pastor at Senatobia that year.

DEVOTIONAL LITERATURE—Baptist literature such as "Open Windows" and "On Duty" have been furnished in limited quantities to army chaplains in Mississippi camps on request of the chaplains. If there is need for such material, write immediately and this department will try to fill the need.

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ings is right.

"Shall exceed." Outward conformity will not do. The heart must be right with God. The motives must be straight. A hand that does right because the sinful heart which directs its movements fears the flame of hell can never work a righteousness that exceeds.

The righteousness which exceeds must in every case be that which is directed by the will of God, one that sets God first in all the life, arbiter in the heart, fount of every blessing.

The rich young ruler of the lesson failed because an idol occupied the place God should have had in his heart.



1. Did the Apostle Paul have a sister, and if so, how would you confirm or substantiate this question? • • •
2. What is "the tale of bricks," as mentioned in Exodus 5:8, and how would you answer if asked to explain it? • • •
3. Our modern houses are well built, wainscoted and decorated. Did they have similar buildings in Biblical times? • • •
4. There is a specific reason why Jesus "went into a ship" to address the multitude. Can you explain why the Master did this? (Correct answers on page 14.)

WHOSE BOY WILL IT BE?

All over the land they fall and die
And their funeral trains are passing by,
To the beloved graves in the Christian's lot,
The Christian's death will not soon be forgot;
But some one will rise in the Christian's stead,
When the Christian's body lies still and dead.
Who'll take his place at the church house door?
'Tis somebody's boy who will fill the place.
Somebody's boy with his fair young face;
'Tis somebody's boy; is it yours or mine?
That will fill the place in the Christian line?

We see the mournful funeral train.
The saddened heart and troubled brain;
We see low down in the lonely grave,
A man whose soul his faith had saved;
We can hear the cry of a loving child,
And the Christian's voice as one made wise.

The happy homes and the happy lives,
The loving babes and the loving wives.
But somebody's boy will fill the place
In the broken ranks of the Christian race.
'Tis somebody's boy, is it yours or mine,
O, God! That will march in the Christian's line.

The Christians are dying one by one,
Their bodies are dead; their race is run;

But their places are as grave as their were before,
Their seats are waiting for the boy today,

Who does his best in a faithful way,
The future is bright for this kind of a boy.

He'll fill his mother with pride and joy,
'Tis somebody's boy; God grant it be

'Tis the boy we loved in his infancy.
'Twill be somebody's boy for the power of right

Is surely drawing our darling right;
So let us watch with tears and prayers
That the boys we love will ever march there.

—Author unknown.
(Submitted by Celeste Skinner,
Iuka, Miss.)

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Do You Really Want to Help Us Promote Baptist Training Union Work in the State?

A good letter from Pike County Associational Training Union gives the account of their last meeting in which officers for the coming year were elected. Inspires us to say "If you really want to help us promote Baptist Training Union work in our state, you can do it by getting to us, just as soon as possible, the name and address of the newly elected officers of your associational Training Union." We want the name of the director, and we also want the name of each other officer. Do not wait for someone else (whose duty it is) to send this list in—they may forget it.—If you can get this information for us, please do and let us have it right away. One reason we need this list NOW is that we are planning for a statewide meeting for associational officers this winter, and need to write to each officer about it SOON. Below is the list of officers for Pike County Associational Training Union. It is complete except for pastor-advisor:

Director, Mrs. Otis Varnado; associate director, Miss Ruth Roach; secretary, Miss Jo Willie Fox; chorister, Rev. H. P. Porter; pianist, Miss Lois Page; group directors, Miss Sadie Godbold, Mrs. Alton Reeves; department leaders, Story Hour, Miss Alaxine Gibson; Junior, Miss Tillie Causey; Intermediate, Mrs. A. A. Scarborough; Young People, Miss Mattie Mae Burkett; Adult, Mr. A. G. Flippin. Each association should have a full corps of officers like that, however, if you do not have all, send us the list of those you do have—PLEASE.

"Training Union Programs—Fifty-Two Varieties" is a revised book, written by Dr. T. C. Gardner, State Training Union secretary of Texas. It has program suggestions for general and departmental assemblies as well as for adult and young people's unions. Available at the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

Ever tried having your officers over for dinner with you?

What is your "outside activity" for the coming quarter?

Lessons and Theme for October
Theme: We Believe in Our Baptist People.

Scripture: Eph. 2:13-22; 4:5-6.
Doctrinal Lesson: Baptists Proclaim a Vital Message. Devotional Lesson: Baptists Are Champions of Freedom. Christian Service and Living: A Baptist Church is Democracy in Action. Special: What Can We Do to Fight Alcohol? Missionary Lesson: Our Worldwide Fellowship of Faith (Baptists Around the World). Study them with us. Pray for each program.

Charleston Has Training School
The week of September 12-17 was a good week for the Charleston Baptist Church. Pastor and his people gave themselves to a week of intensive Training Union emphasis. Sunday night the 12th the attendance at

Training Union was 62. Monday night the attendance was 64, and each evening the attendance was larger than that of Sunday night. This was a most unusual experience. The increase was largely in the adult attendance. Brother Tolar taught the B. A. U. Manual, his attendance running well over twenty. The Juniors were taught by Mrs. Tolar. This was an interesting class. Mrs. Tolar had the name of each member on the back of a chair, and this member sat in his individual chair each night. One chair was designated by the leader each evening as "The Quiet Chair." No one knew which it was until after the service, so each one was quiet thinking that perhaps he was in this special place. One evening they played a "quiet game." It was very interesting and proved that Juniors as well as adults can be orderly while in the house of God. The Intermediate Manual was taught by Miss Wallis, associate secretary of the State Training Union. This proved to be the "banner" class in many ways. Mr. Austin Neely, leader of the Intermediate Union, loves his boys and girls, and the love is mutual. The state secretary had the privilege of having the "best" class—the other teachers may challenge this statement—the Young People, and no finer group has he taught in quite a while. Fine in capability especially. The classes were very well divided, and the attendance was fine even though there were several other attractions in town that week, a carnival for one thing. On Thursday night, after the classes, all gathered on the lawn back of the pastor's home and enjoyed games and drinks, the drinks were on the deacons! All agreed it was a good week.

Lafayette County Plans Church to Church Campaign

The week of October 24-29 has been set aside by the Association in Lafayette county for a church to church campaign. Three churches a day for six days. A two-hour program is being planned which will include a devotional, a discussion of our denominational work generally by E. G. Hightower, Enlistment Pastor, a special emphasis of Training Union work, with plans to organize in churches that do not have a union, if the church approves, and a missionary message by Missionary Paul Freeman of Argentina. Six churches will have a morning meeting, six will meet in the afternoon, and six will come together in the evening. Two churches are asked to "go visiting" for one of these services and thus every church in the association will be reached with this helpful program. Why not try it in your association?

Mr. J. O. Boyd, associational director for Jeff Davis county, plans a tour of the churches in his association soon. A feeding of the officers just before the tour will be a part of the program.

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Do not fail to read Page No. Eight.

EDUCATION AND THE LIBERAL MIND

The Doctrine of the liberal mind is a dogma of education as mystical and irrational as any dogma the church ever saw.

Questioned as to value and advantage of liberalism, the chief educational answer is that knowledge is for its own sake. This liberalism results in an indiscriminate releasing of a person from one set of traditions and restraints, without substituting anything adequate to take the place thereof.

Among adults liberalism often manifests itself in lack of conviction on matters of basic right and wrong. This is sometimes described as tolerance. A tolerant attitude in the home is a corollary of a tolerant attitude toward right and wrong in social and political matters. Upon such a moral indignation of Christ driving the money-changers out of the temple is almost completely lost.

Having acquired an enthusiastic conviction about plans they are making for mankind, with unbounded confidence in their own intellectual powers, liberal educationists often tend to drive their plan toward immediate execution, under the principle that what is old must be wrong and what they think they have found new must be right. This is a crude outline, but its pertinence to current phenomena of American life is obvious.

There is a great need of a field of education that will codify values and basic truths about human nature, preserve and honor the noble traditions of the past, and will subordinate intellectual arrogance to the discipline of the unselfish life. Where, better than in religion, can the basis for such a synthesis be found?—Henry C. Link

The following associations meet next week:

Jackson—Second Baptist Church, Pascagoula, October 5.

Choctaw—Ebenezer Baptist Church, October 5-6.

Neshoba—Neshoba Baptist Church, October 5-6-7.

Prentiss—Thrasher Baptist Church, October 5.

Lawrence—Oakvale Baptist Church, October 6.

George—Shady Grove Baptist Church, October 6.

Tishomingo—Paden Baptist Church, October 5-6.

Tate—Coldwater Baptist Church, October 7.

Hinds-Warren—Calvary Baptist Church, October 7.

Clarke—Union Baptist Church, October 8.

Covington—Willow Grove Baptist Church, October 7.

Lauderdale—Toombsboro Baptist Church, October 7-8.

Holmes—Goodman Baptist Church, October 7.

Mississippi—Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, October 7.

Yazoo—Oak Grove Baptist Church, October 7.

Leake—Walnut Grove Baptist Church, October 7-8.

Pearl River—Poplarville Baptist Church, October 7-8.

Perry—New Augusta Baptist Church, October 7-8.

Tallahatchie—Charleston Baptist Church, October 8.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR

October

Evangelism.

Now Club.

Association Meetings.

Cooperative Program.

Student Join-the-Church Day.

Laymen's Day, Oct. 17.

Sunday School Training Courses.

Elect Your Nominating Committee.

Observe Annual Church Night of Stewardship.

Association Rallies, October 25-29.

State Mission Day in the Sunday School, Oct. 24.

Sunday School Study Course; Home Cooperation Week.

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Certain sophisticates and skeptics insist that tempering education with the spirit of Christ is old-fashioned and out-moded. Enduring verities are old-fashioned; God's love is old-fashioned; sin is old-fashioned.

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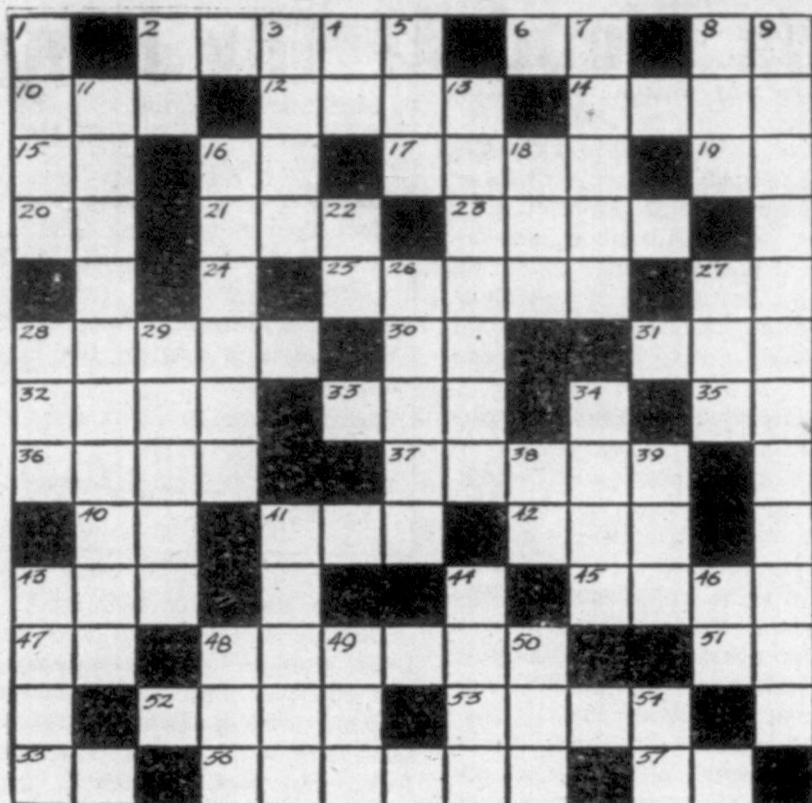
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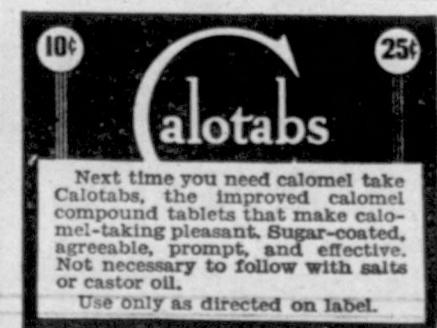
"If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?"—Luke 11:11.

PARENT AND CHILD

ACROSS

- 2 "his . . . filled the temple," Isa. 6:1.
- 6 "bring them . . . in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," Eph. 6:4.
- 8 Third note in scale
- 10 ". . . hospitality one to another," I Peter 4:9.
- 12 "My son . . . my words," Prov. 7:1.
- 14 ". . . not unto thine own understanding," Prov. 3:5.
- 15 Ruthenium.
- 16 Eastern state.
- 17 ". . . good gifts unto your children," Luke 11:13.
- 19 Nova Scotia.
- 20 New Brunswick.
- 21 ". . . that ruleth well his own house," I Tim. 3:4.
- 23 Father of Eliel, and ancestor of Samuel, I Chron. 6:34.
- 24 ". . . good man leaveth an inheritance," Prov. 13:22.
- 25 "Even a . . . is known by his doings," Prov. 20:11.
- 27 Ancestor of Jesus, Luke 3:28.
- 28 "children, then . . . ; . . . of God," Rom. 8:17.
- 30 Digraph and diphthong.
- 31 Son of Caleb, the spy, I Chron. 4:15.
- 32 Skin disease.
- 33 "shall surely be . . . to death," Ex. 21:17.
- 35 Southern state.
- 36 In South Africa, a city or town.
- 37 "wild gourds his lap full, and came and . . . them," II Kings 4:39.
- 40 "Foolishness is bound . . . the heart of a child," Prov. 22:15.
- 41 "whom . . . Lord loveth he correcteth," Prov. 3:12.
- 42 "reproofs of instruction are the . . . of life," Prov. 6:23.
- 43 "man's . . . shall be they of his own household," Matt. 10:36.
- 45 City in Nevada.
- 47 "tell . . . the ears of thy son," Ex. 10:2.
- 48 "the . . . to the children shall make known," Isa. 38:19.
- 51 "if he shall ask . . . egg," Luke 11:12.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle



Use only as directed on label.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Under this caption a proposition was brought to the last Convention looking to the appointment of a committee to solicit, receive, invest and be custodian of such endowment funds as might be committed to them in behalf of our institutions. After some discussion, a motion was made to the effect that the proposition be held over for study until the next convention.

Have you studied the proposition any since then? With a view to be-stirring others to definite study I am offering the results of my own study. The result of my study has been to place me on the negative side of this question. My objections are as follows:

I. Because of the small number of institutions directly included and the limited territory involved.

II. Because the institutions included are so definitely established in the hearts of our people as to make them (our people) more responsive to the direct contact.

III. Because it would produce the complication of having two groups, selected from the membership of the same convention, handling the endowment funds of each of the institutions included.

IV. Because I believe the members of our several boards are as capable and will be just as jealous of the assets of these institutions as any other group to be selected by the convention.

V. Because I believe it would be far better to have an educational secretary, some of whose duties will be to visit schools, churches and homes in the interest of Christian Education and also to keep before the minds of the people the proposals now promoted by the Bequest Committee. My judgment is that this secretary should be selected, upon the recommendations of the presidents of our colleges and the presidents of the boards of trustees, by the education commissions, made responsible only to the Education Commission and that his salary and expenses be paid out of the Co-operative Program allotment to Christian Education.

This last proposal leaves out our Hospital and our Orphanage; but to those who know, my past connections with and service for these institutions is sufficient proof that I would do them no harm. My conviction is that they would profit as much indirectly by this set-up as they would directly by the Foundation.

Trusting these thoughts will start more to thinking and all shall seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the settlement of this question, I am

Yours for progress,
BRYAN SIMMONS.

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Yalobusha Association met with Elam church on Sept. 9. Brethren Wilds, Goodrich and Hightower were with us for the morning session. Each was given twenty minutes. The attendance was the best for years. A. H. Childers, new Coffeeville pastor, preached the sermon. Every church was represented. Letters showed 107 baptisms; \$1,483.21 for Cooperative Program, a gain of \$481.91.—T. T. Gooch, clerk.

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Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on Page Twelve.

1. (Paul's sister): According to Acts 23:16, Paul's nephew went to him with a message in regard to a plot to kill him. His sister was older than he was, and it is supposed that he lived with her when he took up his studies at the Rabbinical college.

2. (Tale of bricks): The word "tale" in Exodus 5:8 is a Hebrew word, and means measurement, or the laying of bricks end to end to figure out the space they would fill in a building.

3. (Our modern houses): Modern houses were known as "cield" houses (Haggia 1:14), "cieled" meaning paneled, indicating that the houses were not only well roofed, but decorated, etc.

4. (Jesus went into a ship): The site of this address from the ship, is said to have been a sheltered cove, where the shore-line rises considerably at this point, forming a natural amphitheater, providing acoustics which are perfect. Even today, one speaking or reading from this cove, can be heard distinctly from any part of this natural amphitheater.

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WHEREAS, she served as president of the Glad Hand Sunday school class of the Prentiss Baptist Church, and

WHEREAS, she was always faithful to the work of her class and to the work of her church, and

WHEREAS, her presence will be missed by all; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

First, that the Glad Hand Sunday school class extend their deepest sympathy to the family;

Second, that we pledge our prayers in their behalf;

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, to The Baptist Record and to the Prentiss Headlight.

Signed,

MRS. LEA BURKES,
MRS. HERMAN POLK,
MRS. FRANK FARRAR.

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CHINESE STUDENTS PAY \$450
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New York, July 6—(WP)—Despite obstacles that would seem to others almost insuperable, China's students are sticking to their books, convinced that by so doing they are making as great a contribution to China's future as are their brothers in the army. So pressing is the need for trained leadership that students are willing to carry on their studies even though to do so means severe personal sacrifice.

A Chinese student Y. M. C. A. secretary, in a letter written to the National Student Relief Committee in Chungking, and forwarded to the World Student Service Fund in New York, describes one of the problems the Chinese students must contend with.

"During my personal interviews with the students of Sun Yat-sen University," the secretary wrote, "I discovered, accidentally, one problem, namely, that of adequate light for the use of students during the evenings

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ICELAND AN INTERESTING SPOT

Dr. William Barrow Pugh, the chairman of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, has completed the first month of his extended tour of American theaters of war as the emissary of the Protestant churches to their chaplains and service men. Writing from London Dr. Pugh says of Iceland: "It is a most interesting spot. The people look very modern, and in many instances speak excellent English." He and his associate, Army Deputy Chief of Chaplains George F. Rixey, laid wreaths on the Iceland grave of Bishop Adna W. Leonard, his predecessor on this tour, and of Chaplain Frank L. Miller, who with other army officers were killed in a plane crash last May.

In England "every minute seems to be very much occupied," Dr. Pugh says. "Yesterday I had a very interesting interview with the chaplain general of the English forces. Today I preached at one of the army services, and then went to Dr. Campbell Morgan's church. Tomorrow I meet the ambassador and several of the British preachers, and also one of the generals." Later in the day he was given a reception by the dean of Westminster.

Of the people of Great Britain, to many parts of which his tour has taken him, Dr. Pugh said: "They are in good spirits. They seem to be taking everything with a smile.

"My aide," Dr. Pugh adds, "is a young Presbyterian minister, Chaplain Shelton M. Hutchison." An Associated Press dispatch nine days later told of a motor accident "a few days ago" in which Chaplains Hutchison and Rixey were slightly injured, each requiring hospitalization for a time, though Chaplain Rixey was discharged after a few hours. The car in which Dr. Pugh was riding, The Associated Press reported, was not involved in the accident.

After touring England, Scotland and Ireland, Dr. Pugh and Chaplain Rixey were expecting to go to North Africa, and later to the Middle East, India and China.

when they have to prepare their lessons.

"Each student is required to buy a little vegetable oil lamp for his own use. But vegetable oil costs twelve dollars Chinese currency per catty (slightly over one pint), and the minimum per lamp per month is four catties, which means that each student has to spend more than \$40 a month for lamp oil alone.

"Because they are already poor, this is out of the reach of many of the students.

"Moreover, due to the dim light supplied by these lamps, many of the students have had their eyes impaired. I have devised an effective way of meeting this situation.

Those who cannot afford to use an oil lamp have been organized into two groups, each consisting of forty students.

"Each evening a kerosene pressure-lamp is rented for each group who prepare their lessons in the same classroom.

"Three members of each group are elected to be responsible for renting the lamp and collecting the fees.

"The lamp is used for two hours each evening, and the monthly rent is \$450. The students pay \$200, and the Student Relief Committee pays the balance."—Protestant Voice.

"His Blood At Thy Hand"

Ezekiel 33:7-11

HELP WIN YOUR STATE TO OUR LORD JESUS

Acts 1:8

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem AND IN ALL JUDEA, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."—Acts 1:8.

In one of the least developed associations in Mississippi, one of your State missionaries was found preaching the Gospel the first week in April. People were busy plowing. Some thought a revival impossible. Through Tuesday night the services were clouded with doubt because of problems. On Friday night eighteen persons were saved, sixteen of them asking for baptism at the hands of one of our churches for which Jesus died.

In one of our larger Mississippi Baptist churches, a State missionary was preaching the Gospel for several days. Some additions were witnessed, but mainly the pastor, the people, and the missionary were disappointed. On Sunday afternoon the pastor called his people together for prayer. For two hours that afternoon sixty persons stayed on their knees before God wrestling in prayer.

That night in one service, fourteen persons were added to the church. Hundreds of people were present, and the aisles were clogged with pulsating humanity in a forty-five minute invitation and fellowship service. Heaven had come down to earth. God had given the victory. The promise of Jesus had been claimed, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matt. 18:20.

Mississippi Baptists need to get the message of Jesus in John 15:16, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever he shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. These things I command you, that ye loved one another." Matt. 15:16-17.

TIL IT HURTS

In one of our Mississippi Baptist churches the women of the local W. M. U. were a bit disappointed over the total of their State Mission Week of Prayer offering last year. One of their number said, "You know cotton pickers are short and there is plenty of cotton, so suppose we all pick cotton for one day giving the proceeds to State Missions." To this all gave consent. The day was set. These women in Christ had a great time in rendering this service. However, cotton picking becomes tiresome at times. About the middle of the afternoon one of the ladies straightened up and putting her hands to her back right where the back hurt said, "You know I have heard of giving until it hurts but this is the first time I have ever tried it."

Suppose we all try some of that for Christ's sake!

WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY?

In the Mississippi Delta a young Chinese man lay dying. Another Chinese man being called in came with his needles and pricked the arms of the sick man. What for? To let the demons out of the body of the sick man. Though living in Mississippi in the midst of Christians and churches none of the family members were Christians. Maybe nobody had told them about Jesus. Maybe some Mississ-

No one ever told me of Jesus?

"Would you care if some friend you had met day by day
Should never be told about Jesus?
Are you willing that he in the judgment shall say,
No one ever told me of Jesus?"

"Care you not if one soul of the children of men
Should never be brought unto Jesus?
Or would say in that day, when He cometh again,
No one ever told me of Jesus?"

"Then be silent no longer but earnestly pray
For grace to the telling of Jesus,
So that no one can say that great judgment day,
No one ever told me of Jesus."

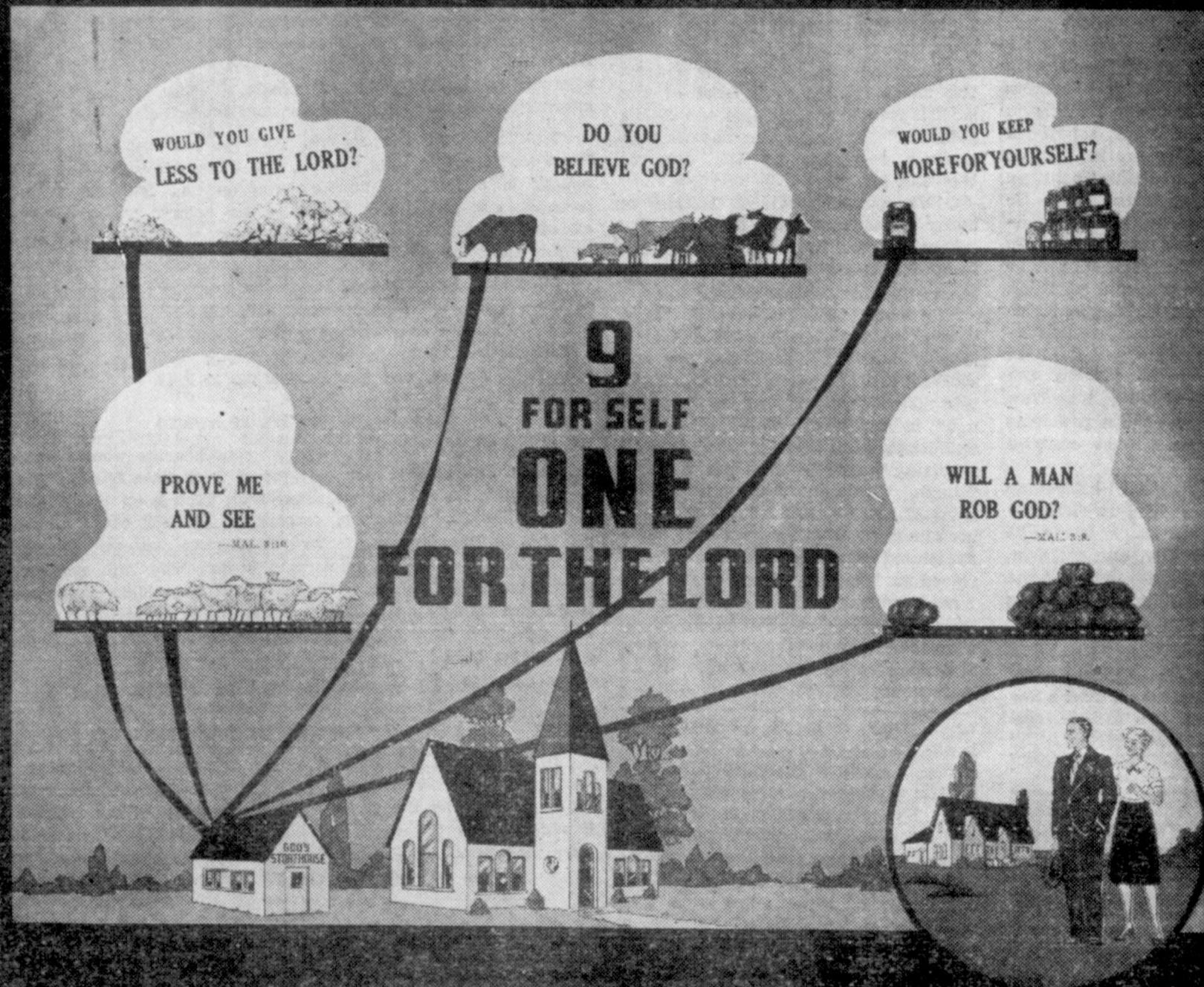
"Nobody told me of Jesus.
Nobody told me of Jesus;
So many I have met—but they seemed to forget
To tell me the story of Jesus."

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